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## RUSSIA AND BRITAIN PROCLAIMED ALLIES BY THE PRIME MINISTER: MR. EDEN AND CRIPPS WORKED INDEFATIGABLY IN CARRYING MATTERS TO SWIFT CONCLUSION

LONDON, JULY 15 (REUTER)—RUSSIA AND BRITAIN WERE FORMALLY PROCLAIMED ALLIES BY MR. CHURCHILL IN A STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Prime Minister said: "Towards the end of last week it became possible to make a solemn agreement between the British and the Russian Governments carrying with it the full assent of the British and Russian people and the great Dominions of the Crown for a united action against the common foe (Cheers).

"BOTH THE BRITISH AND RUSSIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO CONTINUE THE WAR AGAINST HITLERITE GERMANY AND TO HELP EACH OTHER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND NOT TO MAKE PEACE SEPARATELY.

"The Foreign Secretary, MR. EDEN, and our Ambassador in Moscow, SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, were indefatigable in carrying the matters to a swift conclusion.

"The Agreement which has been signed and the text of which has been published cannot fail to exercise a highly beneficial and potent influence upon the future of the war.

## End To Period Of Fratricidal Strife: "We Seek No British Advantage In Syria"—Churchill

### WIEDEMANN FLYING TO NEW YORK

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15 (Reuter)—Captain Wiedemann and Herr Johannes Borchers, German Consul-General in New York, are members of a party of 16 German Consular officials, which is flying from here to New York in three planes to sail for Lisbon.

## BEIRUT ENTERED BY ALLIES: TERMS OF SYRIAN ARMISTICE

ALLIED TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED BEIRUT.

This news was reported in a message from Haifa which states that British troops entered the city yesterday. Action is now in progress in Syria to implement the terms of the military convention which brought the hostilities to a conclusion.

Allied forces are to occupy Syria and the Lebanon territories and the Vichy forces are to be granted the honours of war.

The main points of the convention are as follows:— French forces in Syria to be concentrated in certain localities until noon yesterday and to remain there until repatriated.

Officers, N.C.O.s and men will be allowed to retain individual arms but the soldiers will not be allowed to retain ammunition.

Material, such as guns, military transports, etc., will be stopped by the British military authorities who will take what they want to use and destroy the rest.

Those Vichy troops who want to be repatriated will be returned on French ships.

Frenchmen will have the use of telegraphic facilities with France.

### ALL PUBLIC SERVICES

All public services are to be handed over to the Allied troops intact.

Port installations, naval establishments and all ships will also be handed over intact.

Allied prisoners, including those who have been transferred to France, are to be set free immediately.

It is now hoped that a speedy political settlement will follow in Syria coupled with the resumption of profitable trade relations which were cut off ever since the French collapse last year.

In this connexion, it is expected one of the first tasks which the authorities will concentrate will be that of solving Syria's economic problems and seeing that apart from the resumption of trade re-

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter)—"I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT MEMBERS WILL HAVE ALREADY READ THE GOOD NEWS FROM SYRIA," said Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday.

"A military convention has been signed in cordial spirit on both sides putting an end to a period of fratricidal strife between Frenchmen and Frenchmen and also between French and British, Australian and Indian soldiers all of whom drew swords of their own free will to defend the soil of France.

"The fact that our relations with the Vichy Government have not been worsened during these weeks of distressing fighting, when

the forces on both sides acquitted themselves with so much discipline, skill and gallantry, is proof of the deep comprehension of the French for all issues at stake in the world.

"It is a manifestation of that same spirit which leads them to wave to our bombing aircraft although bombs have, by fortune of war, to be cast on French territory because it is in enemy hands.

"We seek no British advantage in Syria. Our only object in occupying the country has been to beat the Germans and help win the war.

"We rejoice that with the aid of the forces of General de Gaulle, led by Generals Catroux and Le Gentilhomme, we have been able to bring to the people of Syria and the Lebanon the restoration of their full sovereign independence.

"We have liberated the country from the thralldom exercised by

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"IT IS, OF COURSE, AN ALLIANCE AND THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE ARE NOW OUR ALLIES (Cheers).

"With his usual commanding wisdom, FIELD-MARSHAL SMUTS has made a comment which, as it entirely represents the view of His Majesty's Government, I should like now to repeat. 'Nobody,' he said, 'can say we are now in league with Communists and are fighting the battle of Communism. More fitly can neutralists and fence-sitters be charged with fighting the battle of Nazism.

"If Hitler, in his insane megalomania, has driven Russia to fight in self-defence, Hitler has made her his enemy and not us who are friendly to her creed, just as previously he had treacherously made her his friend without embracing her communism."

Mr. Churchill continued: "The Foreign Secretary has also been instrumental in bringing about a very great measure of the agreement between the Russian Soviet State and the Polish Republic (Cheers).

"These negotiations have not yet reached their conclusion but I am very hopeful that, aided by the statesmanship of GENERAL SIKORSKI, another important step will soon be taken in the marshalling of all the peoples of the world against the criminals who have darkened its life and menaced its future." (Cheers).

## JUNE SHIPPING LOSSES LOWEST FOR ANY MONTH IN PAST YEAR: OVER SEVEN MILLION TONS LOST SINCE BEGINNING OF CONFLICT

### Decrease On May Figures Of Twenty-Five Ships

BRITISH, ALLIED AND NEUTRAL SHIPPING LOSSES for the month of JUNE, published by the Admiralty yesterday, totalled 79 ships of 329,296 tons. The losses were the lowest for any month in the past twelve months with the exception of January.

Since the war began up to the end of June British, Allied and neutral ships lost due to enemy action totalled 1,738, representing 7,118,122 tons.

Of this total, 1,078 were British, totalling 4,605,132 tons, making a monthly average of 324,000 tons.

Details of losses for June are as follows:—

BRITISH ..... 52 ships (226,264)  
ALLIED ..... 19 ships (82,727)  
NEUTRAL ..... 8 ships (18,285)

The losses show a decrease on May of 25 ships and 168,551 gross tons.

Total Axis claims for June were 876,785 tons an exaggeration of 163 per cent. compared with the true figures.

Enemy shipping losses, it is estimated, from capture, sinking or scuttling since the war began up to July 10, total 3,391,000 tons.

### NO PUBLICATION

The Admiralty announced yesterday that it was not proposed to continue publication of shipping losses at regular intervals because this gave away valuable information to the enemy but from time to time the Admiralty would consider publication of figures as may be required.

Our staying power should give us encouragement, it is added. Staying power does not only refer to merchant seamen but to the constant increase of escort vessels and the return to the sea of repaired vessels.

British, Allied and neutral shipping losses for March and April totalled 555,750 tons and 581,251 tons, respectively.

## Germany Feeling Weight Of R.A.F. Offensive

NOW, AS NEVER BEFORE, GERMANY IS FEELING THE WEIGHT OF THE INTENSIFIED ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFENSIVE mentioned by the Prime Minister in his speech before the London County Council on Monday.

On Monday night, bombers made heavy attacks on industrial areas in Bremen and Hanover. Many tons of bombs and thousands of incendiaries were dropped.

Extensive fires were started and considerable damage was done in both cities.

A smaller force attacked the docks at Rotterdam.

### SMALL SCALE

Enemy activity, over Britain was again on a small scale. Some bombs were dropped in a coastal town but the number of casualties reported was not large.

Two German bombers were destroyed over Britain on Monday during daylight, one by A. A. fire.

### MADRAS SQUADRON

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter)—A famous R.A.F. squadron, which already holds a record of 37 enemy aircraft destroyed in one day, has now shot down a total of 14 night raiders, says the Air Ministry News Service.

Following the designation by the Air Ministry of this squadron as the Madras (Defiant) fighter squadron, the commander sent the Governor of Madras a message asking him to tell the people of Madras Presidency how much the members of the squadron enjoyed flying the Defiant aircraft subscribed for by the people of Madras.

### CHINESE MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, July 15 (Reuter)—Mr. Hsu Mo, formerly Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in Chungking, has been appointed Chinese Minister to Australia.

## Ex-Policeman "Wanted"

LAI SUM, aged 26 years, ex-Police Constable No. 174, formerly attached to the Water Searchers Squad, Hongkong, has been posted at the Central Police Station as being "wanted" for whom a reward of \$100 is offered for his arrest and conviction.

Lai is accused of the larceny of \$200 (U. S. currency) from a Chinese male at the Po Tak Wharf, Connaught Road Central, on May 10, and of desertion from the Police Force.

The "wanted" man is described as being of thin build, of a height of 5 ft. 8 in., with a narrow complexion and black hair.

## Churchill Concerned With The Debate On Production

The Prime Minister prefixed his statement in the Commons yesterday with a few words about the business of the House, says Reuter.

"I am somewhat concerned," he declared, "with the effects produced abroad and overseas by the recent two-day debate on production.

"The statements that our industry is only working to 75 per cent. of some unspecified standard, and that the Ministry for Aircraft Production is in chaos from top to bottom, tend to give the impression in the United States and in the Dominions, particularly Australia, that we are very ill-managed and we are not doing our best.

"Such sensational statements do serious harm wherever they go. Moreover, they do not at all represent the immense and well directed effort which is yielding remarkable results in almost every field of war production and they do far from justice to the President of the Board of Trade's tenure of the Ministry of Supply.

### MUCH REGRET

"I much regret that it was not possible for me, on account of many other things, to be present throughout the debate. It is obviously not possible for considered Ministerial answers to be made to such charges on the spur of the moment. It is not like ordinary Party peace-time debates.

"These are very serious times. I have read, thoroughly, official reports of the debate and have given directions that allegations of any serious substance should be sent to the departments concerned (Cheers) in order they may be examined.

"I propose shortly to have another day's debate on these matters in public session and will myself endeavour to make full and comprehensive statements on the question insofar as public interest permits in a public session.

"I hope by this means to remove any mistaken impression which might be doing us harm in any part of the world."

### U.S. PLANES FOR BRITISH GAMBIA

NEW YORK, July 15 (Reuter)—Ten American civil aviation planes have been requisitioned from the United States passenger airlines and flown from Miami to British Gambia, via Natal, states the newspaper MIAMI HERALD.

It adds that 10 more such planes are being prepared for similar delivery.

Deliveries, it states, are in answer to the British request for 50 transport planes to increase air fleets at certain points of the Empire.

### POISONING CASE

A young woman, named Lai See, was discovered in Room No. 206, the New Asia Hotel about 4 p.m. yesterday suffering. It was believed, from 1951 poisoning allegedly self-administered in an attempt to commit suicide.

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## HONGKONG ROTARY CLUB SPORTING Tiffin Meeting

### Brigadier Peffers Draws Fascinating Picture Of "Heart Of Middle East"

"IRAQ CONNOTES SOME HALF DOZEN OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST CIVILISATIONS, the rise and fall of a dozen empires, a welter of conflicting religions, a babel of tongues, a medley of races and nations and 4,000 years of commerce in the intractable stuff of human nature," said Brigadier A. Peffers yesterday, addressing the Hongkong Rotary Club.

Brigadier Peffers painted a fascinating picture of a part of the world that has assumed as much strategic importance in the present struggle against the Hun as it has in the wars of many centuries and ages and spoke of the people of Iraq and those characteristics distinguishing the various races that have fashioned the political situation in the country today.

The talk was one of the most interesting given before the Rotary Club over a good period of time.

When Allah created Hell, the Arabs say of Iraq, he found that it was not bad enough. So he made Iraq, and added fires.

Iraq, Brigadier Peffers said, is an immense alluvial plain, with its two dominant and dominating features the Tigris and Euphrates, the two savage rivers the country is utterly dependent upon. It has an area of 173,000 square miles and a land frontier of 2,500 miles with Persia, Kurdistan, Anatolia, Syria, Palestine and Arabia.

#### HEART OF MIDDLE EAST

It has been correctly called the heart of the Middle East, and is a country that has been invaded more often than any other in the world.

Its desert is the home of romance of peripatetic ladies who write boring travel diaries. This so-called desert, however, is no waste of useless sand but to a great extent represents ancient farmlands long abandoned.

In the reign of Sapor many centuries ago, this desert nurtured a becoming population, but all that remains of that monarch's capital, Hatra, are a few gigantic blocks of stone and a waterless river, its ancient bed white with salt, a monument to man's inability to live in harmony with his neighbours.

The country presented many contrasts. Tales could be told of the cruelties of the desert, a crucible from which the worst and best features of the Arab character have been forged. One could speak of poisonous winds slaying whole caravans, pools reeking with brimstone, of maddening thirst and of a loneliness that drives men to hysterical terror.

Others would speak of an elemental peace and a twilight so exquisite in its beauty that even the prosaic soldier has felt the need to catch in colour, in poetry or in music their essence and ecstasy.

#### ARAB OF IRAQ

The Arab of Iraq in his mental, moral and physical make-up is a product of this land, a victim, as other peoples are, of his past and present surroundings. To anyone pursuing the study of the influence of geography upon character, he would make an interesting subject to commence upon.

Cruel, harsh, intolerant and anarchistic, he has a love of personal freedom which tends toward lawlessness and carries his individualism to the point of anarchy. The desert has made his body hard and has given him other qualities, a spirit seeking communion with God and a hospitality admitting the traveller to his tent.

In several matters—in his attachment to religion and the other fellow's chattels—he is a combination of the Scotsman who keeps the Sabbath day and everything else he can lay his hands on and the Irishman who prays hard at all times—especially on his neighbours. He appreciates argument, hair-splitting and feuds, especially when these latter are several centuries old and fruitful in fights and sudden deaths.

His love of the precise and accurate, as shown in his genius in mathematics, is offset by a predilection of picturesque hyperbole in his speech and in the ordinary business of life. He is enduring, in adversity dignified and resigned, and in success overbearing to the point of cruelty.

#### FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

But Iraq contains in all some 3,000,000 people, among them the flotsam and jetsam of a dozen invasions, Persians, Kurds, Turkomans (relatives of Tamerlane and Genghis Khan), Jews, Assyrians, Christians, Sabaeans and Yezidis.

The influence of religion on politics is so great in the country that a prominent Arab, now in the forefront of recent activities, once told the speaker—"There can be no stable Government or stability in

Iraq until politics and the population are secularised."

Britain's earliest connexion with Iraq dates back to 1583. The adventurous sailors and stout traders of Portugal had preceded the British there, penetrating to the Persian Gulf and building the sturdy forts that still stand along the Trucial coast.

In 1622, William Baffin, who gave his name to Baffin's Land in the Arctic Sea, visited Ormuz, the Portuguese stronghold on the Persian Gulf and was killed there in a fight with the Portuguese.

An old book tells of the incident. "Master Baffin went ashore for the better levelling of his piece, whereat he received three balls in the belly and giving three leaps by report died."

#### ENGLISH ADVENTURERS

In 1638, Baghdad was occupied by the Ottoman Turks. English merchant adventurers were entering the country from India, and an interesting historical point is that as far back as the late years of the 17th century the British Government had already undertaken the protection of shipping from pirates in the Persian Gulf.

German penetration of the Arab world dated as far back as 1898 when the royal mountebank, Kaiser Wilhelm, rode through Jerusalem on a white horse, proclaiming himself protector of Islam, while his engineers surveyed the route for the Berlin-Baghdad Railway, which was to have reached from Scutari on the Bosphorus to Basra and Bahrain on the Persian Gulf.

"By 1918," Brigadier Peffers continued, "we were in occupation of a great part of the Arab world. Our disposition of it and the legacy of political tragedy it brought in later days are not matters on which I care to dwell."

"In Iraq, with the dangerous enthusiasm of youth, not unmixed with its folly, we set up a civil administration eager to dispense justice as we saw it and to teach fair dealing between man and man."

"Within a year my friends in the political service were being murdered in cold blood and rebellion, fostered by the very persons whom our administration had most benefited."

#### SIR ARNOLD WILSON

"My chief in those days—Sir Arnold Wilson—the greatest administrator I ever knew and latterly killed as a gunner in the R.A.F. which he joined when nearly sixty—weathered the storm with competence and dignity, but his administration was damned and condemned at home by propagandist pennybags who were more interested in catching 'economy' votes than maintaining the dignity and prestige of an Empire."

"I lost many illusions in those days—among them the belief that such a thing as political gratitude ever existed."

After the rebellion, Brig. Peffers continued, the problem facing Britain was the creation of an Arab State to stand on its own feet. Iraq was eventually created free and independent, linked to Britain by a long term treaty of alliance, under the wise guidance of King Feisal. With his tragic death, stability vanished and a procession of Governments followed.

#### TRANSITORY CABALS

By 1938, Hitler's minions were busy fishing in the troubled waters of Iraq, fomenting the discontent of politically minded army officers and lavishing promises of power and gold on the brittle intellectuals of Baghdad. Until the coup by Raschid Ali, the country, ostensibly under Feisal's son, and grandson was controlled by a series of transitory cabals, cliques and intrigues.

Quite recently Raschid Ali, a member of the powerful religious Ghilani family and a hireling of Hitler, seized the reins of power and announced his own dictatorship. The coup lasted exactly 16 days, the anti-British element in

## SPORTING FIXTURES

### TODAY

BASEBALL — Chung Hwa v. U.S.S. Mindanao, 5.15 p.m.  
TENNIS — (Third Division: C.D.R. v. H.K.U.T.C., A.T.C. v. C.C.C., K.T.G.A. v. S.C.A.A., K.C.C. v. I.R.C., C.R.C. (1) v. K.I.T.C.)

### TOMORROW

RACING — Miniature Horse racing, Club de Recrelo.  
TENNIS — Fourth Division: A.T.C. v. X.I.R.C., P.O.R.C. (1) v. K.I.T.C., J.R.C. v. C.R.C., F.C. v. P.O.R.C. (2), S.C.A.A. v. C.C.C.

### SATURDAY, JULY 19

BASEBALL — South China Athletic Association v. Royal Engineers, 2.15 p.m.; H.B.B.C. v. U.S.S. Tulsa, 4.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS — First Division: Police R.C. v. Recrelo "A", Kowloon C.C. v. Craigengower, Recrelo "B" v. Civil Service, Kowloon B.G.C. "A" v. Indian R.C. Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Kowloon Docks R.C. Second Division: Prison O.C. v. Recrelo, Kowloon Tong v. Hongkong C.C., Hongkong F.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Craigengower v. Talkoo R.C. v. Craigengower, Kowloon F.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C., Recrelo v. Hongkong F.C., Hongkong Electric v. Police R.C.

SWIMMING — Gala at Chinese Bathing Club, 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

BASEBALL — U.S.S. Mindanao v. Hongkong Baseball Club, 10 a.m.

## H.B. WITHDRAW

H.B. have definitely withdrawn from the Baseball League. A letter with regard to this decision from Mr. J. Tonnochy, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Baseball League, states in part:

"Inasmuch as your Committee has been unable to see the justice of our request for postponement of today's game with the Mindanao team, we are, therefore, reluctantly compelled to ask you to accept our resignation from the Hongkong Baseball League."

## FIVE LICENCES REFUSED

The following applications for licences were refused by the Urban Council at its fortnightly meeting yesterday:

Eating house licence for No. 10, Triangle Street, ground floor; food shop licence for No. 4, Morrison Street (the third recess from the side of Ching Wa Kok Tea House) and for No. 60, Bonham Strand East (the first recess of side door); bakehouse licence for No. 51, Main Street, Stanley, ground floor; milk shop licence for No. 22, Somerset Road, ground floor.

Six licences were granted by the Urban Council between July 2 and 14, inclusive, consisting of Food shops (2), Bake houses (1), Swine (2) and Restaurants (1).

## 32 CHOLERA FATALITIES

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ending at midnight in July 12 —

Cerebro-Spinal Fever, four cases (two deaths); Chicken-Pox, two cases; Cholera, 59 cases (32 deaths); Diphtheria, two cases (one death); Dysentery, 44 cases (23 deaths); Enteric Fever, 19 cases (five deaths); Measles, three cases (two deaths); Tuberculosis, 282 cases, one imported (144 deaths).

#### FOUR-DAY RETURNS

The Returns for the four days ending at midnight on July 14 is as follows:—Cerebro-Spinal Fever, three cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Cholera, 30 cases; Diphtheria one case; Dysentery, 20 cases; Enteric Fever, five cases; Measles, two cases; Tuberculosis, 108 cases.

Iraq being small enough to allow it to last exactly that much.

#### SPEAKER THANKED

Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins thanked the speaker, Rotarian Sam Ming-fan presided at the meeting. A visiting Rotarian present was Rotarian J. G. Endicott, of Chengtu.

Guests present were Messrs. C. W. Neame, A. S. Wilham, Lt.-Col. F. C. Field, Mr. S. V. Boxer, Major Moody, Messrs. M. Pionne and K. R. Fletcher (Macao).

Rotarian J. T. Choy, who had been on a visit to Burma, Malaya and India, presented the Club with the flag of the Rotary Clubs of Madras and Aggra.

## 2 Amendments To Eating Houses And Food Stalls By-Laws Passed

Two new amendments to the Restaurants, Eating Houses and Food Stalls by-laws of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, were approved by the Urban Council at its fortnightly meeting yesterday.

Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie was in the Chair, while members present were Dr. N. C. Macleod (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Messrs. F. C. Hall, L. C. F. Bellamy, A. el Areull, Dr. S. N. Chau, Messrs. B. Wong Tape, Tang Shiu-kin, M. W. Lo, C. J. Roe (Secretary) and Im Ping tseung (Assistant Secretary).

#### ADOPTION MOVED

After the letters received from Government signifying the approval of the Legislative Council to previous amendments of the by-laws had been tabled, the Chairman, pursuant to notice, moved the adoption of the following amendments:—

(1) By-law 7 (2) is rescinded and the following by-law is substituted therefor:

7 (2). Adequate kitchen, food preparation, food storage and scullery accommodation shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Council and the walls of the accommodation so provided shall be imperviously surfaced to a minimum height of eight feet.

(2) The following paragraph is added after by-law 7 (2):— Unless already provided under by-law 2, plans showing the layout of premises, as approved by the

Council, shall be submitted for retention by the Council. Except with the consent of the Council there shall be no deviation from the arrangements for kitchen, food preparation, food storage, scullery, seating, latrine or any other accommodation required or approved by the Council on the issue of a licence.

#### MUCH DIFFICULTY

In introducing the motion, Mr. Carrie said, "We have for some time had considerable difficulty in getting licences of restaurants and eating houses to provide adequate accommodation for the preparation of food, food storage and scullery accommodation."

"We often find food being prepared out in the yards where the washing of utensils are also being carried on."

"Also we have, at times, found persons sleeping on the tables, etc. Many times I have warned licencees but there has been no legal means to enforce my warnings. The proposed amendments to the Ordinance will ensure the provision of the necessary accommodation for food preparation, food storage and scullery."

Dr. Macleod seconded and the motion was carried without dissent.



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## JUNK EXPLOSION

A 33-year-old Chinese was seriously injured when a mysterious explosion occurred yesterday morning aboard a junk anchored near Kowloon City.

The man received injuries to his head and body and was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, where his condition was described as "quite serious."

**WOOF!**  
"My Master and Mistress both smoke em"

**WILLS' GOLD FLAKE CIGARETTES**



## Charge Against Clerk In Controller Of Trade Office Fails: Written Judgment To Be Given

The four persons, including a clerk of the Controller of Trade Office, charged in connection with the alleged submission to the Controller of Trade, on June 6, of an export licence containing false information, were discharged by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy at the third hearing of the case yesterday.

In acquitting the defendants, the Magistrate said that he would give his reasons in writing at a later date.

Defendants were Chun Sai-kit, 70, permit holder, of No. 20, First Street, Tsang Wai-ming, 22, translator, of No. 17, Temple Street, Wong Wan-ming, 19, shop clerk, and Ng Chik-ling, 20, clerk of the Controller of Trade Office.

Mr. F. W. Shattain, A.D.C.I. (Crime), assisted by Mr. D. C. W. Fitches, Superintendent of Mails, and Det. Sgt. A. E. Cochrane, conducted the prosecution, while the first three defendants were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Fourth defendant originally admitted the charge and was to be called by the prosecution to give evidence.

Yesterday he changed his plea, on the advice of the Magistrate, who said that he must have misunderstood the charge and had pleaded guilty through ignorance.

Mr. Shattain then submitted that the charge against fourth defendant was similar to conspiracy.

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

### AT CENTRAL

#### POSSESSION OF ARMS

A travelling trader, Wong Sau-san, 30, was fined \$25 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., yesterday for unlawful possession of a revolver chamber and a rifle bolt at an hotel in Connaught Road Central on July 14.

Det. Sub-Ins. F. W. Fowle prosecuted, while defendant was represented by Mr. H. L. Kwan, who entered a plea of not guilty.

Det. C611, Chan King-sze, testified that at 5.30 p.m. on Monday he went to the hotel with Insp. Fowle and entered a room occupied by defendant. Witness searched a drawer in the room and discovered a card board box in which were found the articles mentioned in the charge.

In evidence, defendant said that the arms were not his property but belonged to a Mr. Lo who shared the room with him during the former's stay in the Colony and who now had gone back to the country. Defendant added that he did not know what the contents of the box were before it was opened by the Police.

Convicted of the charge, defendant was fined and the arms ordered confiscated.

#### ATTEMPTED LARCENY

Convicted the 19th time, Chung Cheung, 32, hawker, was fined \$25 or two months' hard labour by Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday for attempted larceny of a rattan basket containing surgical instruments and books, the property of Dr. P. B. Wilkinson of the University, and valued at \$20, from a car parked outside the University in Pokfulam Road on July 12.

Defendant stated in the witness box that he was on his way to take a bath in a nearby nunnery. Passing by the car, he noticed it to be a new style car, one which he had never seen before, and stopped to have a good look at it.

Found guilty of the charge, defendant was fined \$25 or two months' hard labour.

#### HEARING FIXED

A car driver, Yu Kai-ping, 30, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with attempted larceny of one handbag from Choi Wong Mui-lin, 43, married woman, of No. 2, Park Road, outside the Park Road Police Quarters on July 15.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and hearing of the case was fixed for July 28, bail being allowed at \$150.

Sgt. G. Davies is in charge of the case.

#### LACK OF EVIDENCE

Owing to lack of evidence, a messenger boy of the Medical Department, Lau Yuen, 20, of No. 488, Hennessy Road, was discharged by Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of fraudulent conversion of an envelope containing \$4 on June 24.

Det. Sgt. W. Summers prosecuted.

### AT KOWLOON

#### COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS

Further hearing of the Committal proceedings in which Chui Wan-cheung alias Chui Kai, 40, was charged with receiving 383 bags of fertilizer, three bicycles, one bag of sugar and 32 cases of matches knowing same to be stolen or unlawfully obtained on May 30, was adjourned to July 17 by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Accused was further charged with receiving junk No. T3606H knowing same to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained on May 30, with receiving a quantity of clothing knowing same to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained on May 30, and with receiving 40 bags of beans, 20 drums of soda and one case of medicine knowing same to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained on May 30.

Mr. C. D'Almada represented accused, while Det. Sub. Insp. Estail, assisted by Sgt. W. J. D. Cameron, prosecuted.

Evidence were given yesterday by the owner of the junk No. T3606H, Lam Sik-sam, 40, of No. 99 Connaught Road, West, first floor, who reported to the Police the loss of his junk, and by Lai Lam, who was found on board junk No. T3606H. The latter stated that he was paid \$1 by the accused to watch the junk in question.

#### SOLDIER FINED

Lance Corporal L. Smith of the Middlesex Regiment, Shamshulpo Barracks, appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday when he was summoned for unlawfully driving motor-cycle No. 182 in Chatham Road near Wuhu Street, without an appropriate driver's licence at 7 p.m. on June 13.

He was additionally summoned for failing to report an accident to the Police.

He pleaded guilty to the above summonses and was fined \$5 on the first and \$10 on the second.

He pleaded not guilty to the summons for failing to notify the Commissioner of Police within 48 hours on acquiring motor-cycle No. 182 on or about June 10 and his Worship adjourned the summons for one week for further enquiries.

Traffic Sub-Ins. Brittain prosecuted.

#### THEFT OF CEMENT

Ng Yuen, 21, earth cooler, and Chan Chak, 23, bricklayer, appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday when they were charged with larceny of 100 cabbies of cement from a contractor's matshed in Mataukok Road.

The cement was used for building an A. R. P. tunnel and the accused were employed by the complainant.

The accused were fined \$5 or 14 days.

Sub-Ins. Medgwick prosecuted.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Accidental death was the verdict

## FUNERAL OF MR. A. C. BOTELHO: A HIGHLY RESPECTED MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday of MR. AUGUSTO CEZAR BOTELHO, ("Pinto") who died in his 66th year at the Queen Mary Hospital on Monday.

Father C. Spezial, assisted by Fr. Rossello, officiated at the graveside. Bishop H. Vallorta was also present.

The late Mr. Botelho, who had been in ill health for some time, was a highly esteemed and respected member of the local Portuguese community and was the father of Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho, the well known local solicitor. Deceased was of a quiet and charitable disposition.

He was educated at the old Victoria English School and, in his younger days, was a very keen sportsman. He was especially keen on bird hunting and fishing.

The chief mourners were the son, Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho, the daughters Mrs. H. A. Noronha and Miss Olga Botelho, and Mr. H. A. Noronha (son-in-law).

#### THOSE PRESENT

Among those present were Messrs. A. E. Alves, H. A. Alves, D. Alonco, M. Alarcon, E. U. S. Alves, N. Beltrao, Dr. L. A. Basto, E. F. Brown, J. E. Barros, C. E. Barros, H. A. Barros, P. Basto, H. A. Botelho, P. F. Botelho, A. C. Barreto, M. F. Baptista, A. Castilho, P. Castilho, C. Chan, C. Cunha, E. L. Cunha, C. Correa, Leo D'Almada, Sr., P. X. D'Almada, C. D'Almada, D. d'Aquino, E. J. Figueiredo, J. Fonseca, Dr. Fennie, Messrs. A. V. Gosano, B. Gosano, J. J. Gutierrez, Dr. E. L. Gosano, Messrs. C. Laurel, C. Lopes, D. V. Lopes, H. A. Lammer, J. Kotwall, M. Mendonca, C. E. Marques, F. Marques, M. M. Her, F. A. Noronha, C. Noronha, E. A. Noronha, R. M. Omar, A. F. Osmond, A. P. Pereira, T. Pereira, J. Pereira, H. Pinna, A. M. Prata, S. Pinna, J. Pinna, M. V. Remedios, F. E. A. Remedios, H. M. Remedios, E. A. Remedios, J. M. da Rocha, P. X. V. Ribeiro, L. V. Ribeiro, W. A. Reed, E. Reed, A. M. L. Soares, Dr. F. Souza, Messrs. V. F. M. Souza, A. L. Souza, L. Silva, C. M. Silva, M. A. da Silva, A. O. Soares, H. Soares, P. L. Silva, Henry de Sa, F. P. Sequeira, A. G. Sulfad, A. Tavares, H. M. Xavier, J. P. Xavier, F. A. Xavier, C. A. P. Xavier, P. A. Yvanovich, and many others.

Interred together with the casket, were a sheaf of flowers from deceased's wife, one from the son and daughter (Olga) and another from daughter, cousin and niece.

#### THE WREATHS

Other floral tributes were sent by Charlie, Julia, Frankie and Bosco, Laura and Augusta, Gloria and Alfonso, Celeste and Peter, Hericilla and Edward, Arthur and Beba, Chico, Joannes, Mem and Luigi Con and

returned by a jury comprising Wang Po-lin (foreman) Cheung Sheung-ling, and Sze Wing-sun at the inquiry held yesterday before Mr. Macnamara in connection with the death of an 11-year-old boy, Chan Ngan-yu, who was run over by the rear wheel of lorry No. 6461 driven by Tong Lai at Talkoktsui Road on June 12.

Sub-Ins. J. Scrim, of the Traffic Department, stated that about 5.30 p.m. on June 11, he was informed of the accident in Shamshulpo. He went to the scene and saw the truck in question. The brakes of the truck were found to be in good order.

Tong Lai, driver of truck No. 6461, said that he was driving the lorry along Talkoktsui Road, in Shamshulpo to Boundary Street and the speed of the lorry was from six to seven miles per hour. The road on which he was travelling was 10 feet wide and while he was passing between two rocks on the road he felt a jolt in the lorry.

He stopped the truck and came out to see what was the matter. He found the deceased lying on the road. He left the boy on the roadside and immediately reported the matter to the Police. The boy was conveyed to Hospital by ambulance but died on the way.

Traffic Sub-Ins. A. R. Brittain was present for the Police.

### D. O. SOUTH

#### THEFT BY BAILEE

Four junk foks, Leung Chau-nang, Wong Yau-ye, Ho Yang and Leung Ma-ling, employed by Li Kong-ming, master of junk No. T3303H, were charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday with the theft, by bailee, of six bales of cotton yarn from the junk, while moored at Cheung Chau Harbour on July 6. They were alternatively charged with receiving stolen property.

On the defendants pleading guilty to the first count the alterna-

tive one of receiving was withdrawn.

Prosecuting, Sub-Inspector McMahon stated that Tong Yau, the owner of the cargo, arranged for its export with the master of the junk who was, according to Tong, paid \$20 per month while the foks were paid \$4 per month each. The junk was the property of the company.

The master and foks, went on the prosecution, were to receive \$300 commission at the end of every trip.

The junk was held up for 24 days in Cheung Chau, during which period the theft occurred.

All accused were bound over in a personal bond of \$50 each for one year.

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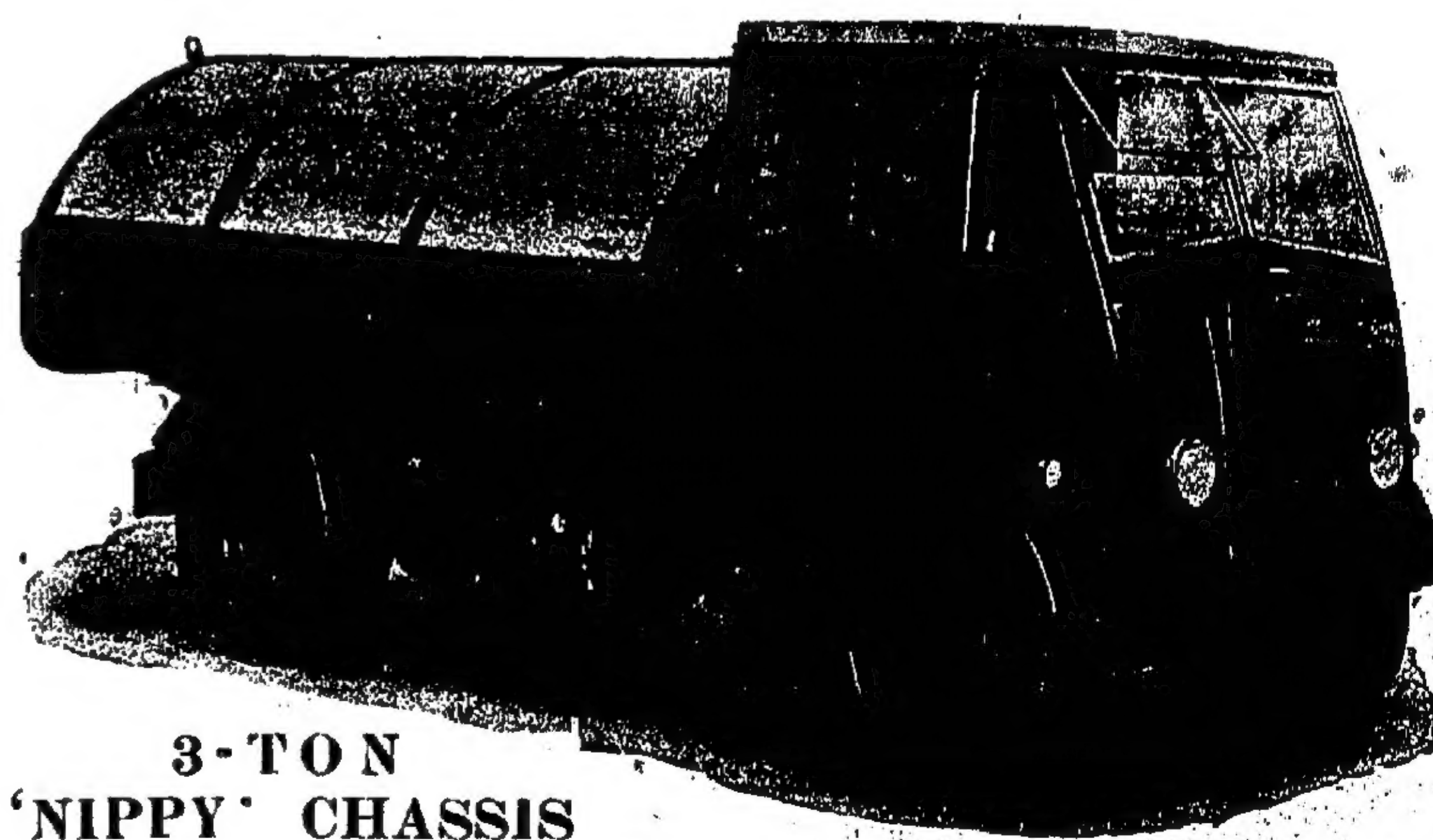
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A. H. K. COBB,  
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### THE POOR MAN'S BURDENS

WHY IS IT that the train of economic ills that follow in the wake of a war always falls heaviest on the poorer classes of the community and continue to increase the hardships and difficulties which they have to face, while very little, if any, thought is given to alleviating their position? The question has been repeatedly asked in this Colony and no satisfactory answer has yet been made to account for the situation in which the average wage-earner finds himself in his endeavour to keep himself and his dependants when confronted with the ever increasing cost of living. The latest additional burden to fall on the poorer class of worker in Hongkong is the decision to increase the rates for monthly tickets on buses and trams by \$2, thereby making that part of the community which uses these means of conveyance most pay more for services which have all along fallen short of the convenience it should afford to the travelling public. People who use the buses and trams are at a loss to understand the reason for this action by the public utility companies concerned and judged by and large, the complaint of profiteering at the expense of the poor can hardly be considered unjustified.

DESPITE conditions prevailing in the Colony today, neither the tramway company nor the two bus companies which operate on the island and the mainland can complain that traffic on their services has shown any depreciation. Their daily and monthly takings should, therefore, be well up to pre-war figures and all three companies, if memory serves us right, showed quite substantial profits for their working during the past year. The plea that the increased tax on fuel oil and the higher cost of repairs and replacements might of course be put forward by the two bus companies to support their decision to increase the monthly

### FATAL BUS MISHAP

An unknown Chinese male, aged about 38 years, died as the result of injuries received when he fell off Kowloon Motor Bus No. 378 in an attempt to jump while the bus was in motion at Prince Edward Road, near Nga Tsin Long Road, at 11.15 a.m. yesterday.

The bus was proceeding from Tsingtsui to Kowloon City and deceased got up the vehicle at Mongkok.

Received serious head injury from which he succumbed before arrival at the Kowloon Hospital.

### COPPER COIN SHORTAGE

#### ALTERATION IN HUNGHOM

Apparently aware of the copper coin shortage in the Colony, Ho Hon, aged 22, formerly employed at a food stall in Baker Street, Hunghom district, refused in the early morning yesterday to give three cents change for a five-cent piece tendered by a paint-scraper to whom Ho had already given seven cents (a five-cent piece and two cents) as change in payment for a meal which cost three cents.

The second meal had cost two cents. The paint-scraper insisted on tendering the five-cent piece but Ho was equally insistent that the customer should pay the exact cost of the food, namely two cents.

#### STABBED IN LUNG

Heated words ensued and the paint scraper was alleged to have drawn a chisel and stabbed Ho Hon in the left lung causing serious injury.

Another man, Tsui Man, and an old woman, who attempted to go to the aid of Ho in turn received injuries from the scraper who, apparently, on seeing the damage he had done took to his heels. He was pursued by Ho and was arrested by a Chinese constable.

All three injured persons were admitted to hospital.

rates on their services, but in the case of the Hongkong Tramways it is difficult to see how the increase can be claimed as necessary to the present position, particularly so as the trams are mostly patronised by the low wage-earning classes to whom the benefit of a \$6 monthly ticket has been a real blessing.

NEITHER of these three services have up to date made any serious effort to remedy the complaints that have been voiced in the Press regarding their shortcomings from the point of view of public convenience. Protests against the lack of accommodation and the organisation of their services on certain routes and the inability of their present rolling stock to cope with the rush hours of workers have proved of no avail. Thousands of tired people have to be content with travelling on buses and trams under trying conditions which make even standing impossible. In the meantime profits have continued to roll in and the companies concerned have been able to pay out fat dividends to their shareholders and carry forward large sums. Not content with this return for their investment, they have now decided to further swell their takings. The fact that this decision has been made at a time when the calls on this section of the community have been most heavy has not deterred them from adding to the poor man's burdens and his continual fight to eke out an existence in these times has been rendered more difficult. We wonder whether the utility companies concerned cannot see their way to defer this increase in rates even now until more propitious times return!

### SIX IMPORTANT POINTS OF LIFE FROM THE CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT

Six important points of life from the Christian viewpoint were brought forward by the RT. REV. CHENG-TSI SONG, Bishop of Chengtu, Szechuen, at St. John's Cathedral last night, when he spoke in the second of a series of three lectures in English on the "Problem of Life."

Dr. F. C. Yen, late Director of Medical Services in the Chinese Government, was in the Chair.

The points, according to Bishop Song, were: Life's motive or purpose; life's preparation; life's temptation; life's work; life's strength; and life's death.

To have a life's motive, said the Bishop, was to concentrate our energy and attention in one direction. Different people had different purposes of life, but the Christian motive of life was to create a Kingdom of God.

Continuing, Bishop Song said that life's preparation consisted of threefold: physically, mentally and spiritually. We got to have a strong, healthy body and a learning mind, but the most important of all was to train the body and mind to obey the spirit. The best way to nourish spirit was to get into vital contact with God every day.

#### INTEGRAL PART

Temptation was an integral part of life, and in facing it, we could taste power and character, the value of it being to increase our strength and help us conquer.

No life was successful without life's work, said the Bishop, and by work, it meant social services, in which personal selfishness must be ruled out.

The speaker then went on to say there were many kinds of strength, but mental strength was always higher than physical strength, and of course, there was spiritual strength, which could conquer both the former.

Regarding death, Bishop Song said that although most people were indifferent toward death, they could never escape death; they would and must die.

Death, though mysterious as it was, was intimately connected with life, and according to the Bishop, "if you know your life, you will know death, and if you can conquer life, you can conquer death, because life and death are inseparable."

#### LIVED AGAIN

People who had realised the highest could not die. They lived again after each death; they were immortal.

Concluding, the Bishop said: "All these are one thing, because they are bound together. If they are bound together, if they are unified and put our personality into one unit, we will enjoy life and we will say: 'Life is good.'"

Bishop Song will conclude his lectures tonight at the same place at 8.45 p.m., when he will speak on "The Problem of Life from the Modern Viewpoint."

### SEVEN REGISTRY MARRIAGES

Seven Chinese couples were married at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating. The parties were:—

Mr. Tse Chi-kong, merchant, of No. 8 St. Francis Street, and Miss Kong Ying-wa, of No. 18 Chinese Street;

Mr. Ruu Liu-liang, aviator mechanic, of No. 183B Nathan Road, and Miss Anne Loo, of the same address;

Mr. Cheung Tong-hon, merchant, of No. 20 Po Tak Street, and Miss Annie Mak, of the same address;

Mr. Sak Foo-chien, manager, of No. 41 Lee Garden Street, and Miss Chan Sut-sin, cashier, of No. 41 Wongninchong Road;

Mr. Yu Yee-fei, teacher, of No. 482 Prince Edward Road, first floor, and Miss Chiu Ching-chun, of No. 27 Shelley Street, ground floor;

Mr. Lee Tat-woon, goldsmith, of No. 464 Portland Street, and Miss Ho Lai-yin, of the Fuk Lee Yuen Boarding House;

Mr. Lau On, salesman, of No. 428 Queen's Road West, third floor, and Miss Mui Wah, of No. 21 Wing Hing Street, ground floor.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Andrew Ernest Leonard, chemist, of No. 9 Broadway Terrace, second floor and Miss Lily King-chun Mok, of "Too Yuen," Ping-shan, Un Lung, was announced yesterday.

### FIREWOOD AND "BOOKED BY CUSTOMER"

#### WHAT TO DO

If your firewood dealer refuses to sell wood to you on the ground that what you see in his shop has been "booked by a customer", all you have to do is to telephone MR. W. J. ANDERSON, Controller of Stores, and give him the name and address of the shop as well as your own name and address.

As the result of numerous complaints that firewood dealers were resorting to the "booked for a customer" subterfuge in order to create an imaginary shortage and so force the price of wood up, Mr. Anderson was communicated with yesterday in regard to the legality, or otherwise, of such action by the dealers.

The Controller of Stores stated most emphatically that "firewood dealers cannot refuse to sell their stocks to any member of the public when approached."

#### NECESSARY ACTION

"If any of those who have been refused wood by a dealer will get in touch with me, he or she can rest assured that the necessary action will be taken. That 'reserved for customers' excuse will only hold good if the dealer can produce definite proof that it was not possible for him to deliver the wood at the time it was 'booked' or that the customer was in need of the wood on the following day."

The price of firewood has not been changed by the Controller of Stores. It, therefore, remains at 45 cetties to a dollar.

### BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE CO.

The following is the report of the directors of the British Traders Insurance Co., Ltd., for the year 1940:—

MARINE. The 1939 account has been closed and the sum of £11,250 transferred to Profit and Loss Account.

The net premiums for the year 1940 amounted to £302,808 18 1 and claims and expenses to £128,392 11 7. After reserving for amounts due in enemy and enemy-occupied territories the balance carried forward, including the additional reserve, amounts to £219,014 6 6.

FIRE. The net premiums amounted to £156,597 10 4 and claims to £80,570 14 11. After taking into account commission, expenses of management, fire brigade fees, and reserving for amounts due in enemy and enemy-occupied territories, £11,000 has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to £63,251 4 10.

ACCIDENT AND GENERAL. The net premiums amounted to £62,653 17 10 and claims to £32,911 18 9. After taking into account commission and expenses of management, £4,500 has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to £36,214 17 6.

DIVIDEND. The Directors recommend a dividend distribution of seven shillings per share, payable on June 20, 1941.

CONTRIBUTORY BONUS. The Directors recommend a bonus of 20 per cent. to contributors of contributory premium, payable on June 20, 1941. Provision has been made for this in the relative Revenue Account.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. The amount at the credit of the Profit and Loss Account, after providing for the dividend for the year 1940, and £4,500 for Contingency Taxation Reserve, is £72,761 19 6.

DIRECTORS. Since the last General Meeting Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. J. O. Meeks, the Hon. Sir F. H. Tait, M.L.C., and Mr. D. F. Middleton have joined the Board. Upon the transfer of the Head Office to Sydney Mr. G. Miskin, the Hon.

### FOUND BY RING

#### AIR-RAID BABY IDENTIFIED

After lying in a thermostatic saline bath at St. Bartholomew's Hospital for a week a 15-month-old baby has been recognised by his uncle as Terence Stone, says the News of the World.

Terence is the sole survivor of a family of 13, who were killed during a family reunion party when the Nazi murder men of the skies raided London a week last night.

Terence, whose father died three months ago, was evacuated from London with his mother, Mrs. Jessie Stone, and his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Wilkins, but on April 20 they returned to London and a family reunion was arranged.

The guests included Terence, his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkins (grandparents), Mrs. Catherine Bates (aunt), and her two children, Ronald, aged eight, and Brenda, aged three, Mrs. Selma Cairns, Miss Alice Wilkins, Miss Ada Wilkins, Miss Rose Wilkins (aunts), Master Alfred Wilkins (uncle), and Mr. Charles Thurgood, fiancé of Miss Alice Wilkins.

At about 2 a.m. on Sunday, after the family had spent most of the night in an air-raid shelter, they decided, during a lull in the bombing, to return to their flat for a cup of tea.

#### DIRECT HIT

The raiders returned, and the whole family were killed by a direct hit on the building. The body of Miss Alice Wilkins has not yet been found.

Mr. Edward Trinnaman, of Ducal-street, Shoreditch, Terence's uncle, told the "News of the World" yesterday that he had given up hope until he saw a newspaper reference to a child being cared for at Bart's, and he went there. He was taken to a ward, and he at once recognised Terence.

"What actually happened to Terence will never be known," said Mr. Trinnaman, "but from what I can gather, when the bomb exploded he was carried by the blast for some distance, and landed almost on top of the debris. They found him within two hours."

Terence has terrible burns about the body, but there is no great disfigurement of his face, and when I visited the ward I immediately recognised him. He had a gold signet ring on his finger. It was my clue, as it was given to him by my wife.

"There is every hope of Terence living. My wife and I will look after him for his mother's sake."

The hospital authorities are hopeful that they will be able to effect a complete cure for Terence. For the first few days he was in hospital he lived in a radiant tunnel; then he was placed in the saline bath—ordinary salt and water—kept heated by electricity under thermostatic control.

Men of the R.A.F. suffering from severe burns receive similar treatment.

### WATCH STOLEN FROM DESK

Mr. C. Loh, of the National Cash Register Company, No. 10 Ice House Street, has reported to the Police the theft of a pocket watch, valued at \$50, from his desk on Monday morning.

Mr. D. Haynes, manager of the same firm, has also reported the theft of a fountain pen, valued at \$50, at the same time.

### COLLISION AT CAR PARK

Mr. J. Hyde, residing at the Braga Circuit, reported to the Police that while parking his car at the Alhambra Theatre car park on Sunday another vehicle collided into his car causing slight damage.

Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. K. S. Morrison resigned from the Board. Mr. H. V. Wilkinson resigned from the Board in Hongkong upon retirement from the Far East, but rejoined the Board in Sydney.

In accordance with the Articles of Association Mr. D. F. Middleton and the Hon. Sir F. H. Tait, M.L.C., retired, but offer themselves for re-election.

### BOMBING OF TARGETS IN GERMANY: CO-OPERATION OF BomBER CREW ESSENTIAL

"The bombing of targets in Germany and German-occupied territory at night is not an easy job, but I believe that we have met with better results than the enemy," said a Squadron Leader of the Royal Air Force when he broadcast from London yesterday on the recent raids carried out by the R.A.F. and the results achieved.

The speaker declared that when the war began the Germans were less well trained in night bombing and they were not equipped with the accurate bomb-sights which the British had used for many months.

#### TELEPHONIC TOUCH

On a bombing raid, the speaker continued, the pilots were always in telephonic touch with other members of the crew. This was most essential to accurate bombing.

The speaker next went on to describe the work which each member of the bomber crew had to perform on a raid. The posture of the man who released the bombs varied in different machines. In the Wellington he lay on his face, while in the Whitely he sat upright in a not too comfortable seat.

Describing the procedure on a raid, the speaker said that he would assume that a bomber had flown 500 miles to reach his target.

"Having reached the vicinity of the target area he has to position himself by finding some conspicuous landmark near the target itself," he continued. "Sometimes he is able to locate the area by the fires caused by earlier visitors."

#### PRE-ARRANGED SIGNALS

"The navigator then takes up a position behind the bomb sights and has to adapt himself to the movements of the pilot. Pre-arranged signals are necessary for this and in the course of this attack which I am describing, we will assume that everything has gone according to plan."

"As the target area nears, the almer looks through his sight and gets a growing outline of his ob-

jective. Now the machine is under fire and in the meantime the bomber has to find the range. At the same time, while the pilot is trying to evade the shells fired at him, he must try to get his machine over the ultimate goal. This is hard, but it is essential for accurate bombing. It needs a master hand so that the bomb-aimer does not lose sight of his target.

"At last the target is reached and the pilot flies on a steady course and this is the sort of thing that would be heard—'Left side' and then the pilot hears a long drawn out 'Right.' This means that the target is well fixed."

#### FULL UNDERSTANDING

The speaker said that every member of the crew understood each other so well that every flexion of the voice meant something. The target would come more into sight in the meantime and the pilot had to fly on a more level course.

Anti-aircraft fire would get more intense and in spite of this co-operation between the crew continued. The pilot sees flashes coming up from the ground. There is no time to think of anything else. The target was soon approaching the critical angle. The bomb aimer had his eyes glued on the ever nearing target. Then he touched first one lever and then another and then pressed his button.

That would be the signal for the rear gunner to keep his eyes skinned for nothing the results and he reported to his captain.

"Flying through the barrage of anti-aircraft fire is a strain on the pilot, but he is right to let himself go after that as soon as the bombing is over, and he does," concluded the speaker.

### Govt. Clerks Shelve Salaries Agitation

The Singapore section of the Junior Civil Service Association has decided to postpone its agitation for a revision in the salary scheme for its members—an agitation started nine years ago—for the duration.

A reply to this effect will be sent to the Penang section of the Association, which recently wrote to the local body asking for their views on the subject, and particularly if the local body thinks the present time opportune to raise the matter of revision of salary again.

It is pointed out in the Penang Association's letter that members of the General Clerical Service in Kuala Lumpur recently brought up the matter before Government.

The reason for the postponement of the agitation, it is pointed out by an official of the local body, is that the Association appreciates the present position of Government now, and that to press for a revision now "will not be quite fair on our part."

#### WANT IMPROVEMENT

"We want some improvement, of course, to our present scheme," it is stated, "but we are willing to wait for a more opportune time to press our wants."

The last change made to the scheme of the Junior Civil Service was in 1919, a year after the Armistice, and since then there have been no further changes, although agitation for a revision was begun as early as 1932.

Circulars informing members of the Service that owing to the war, any suggestions for improvement to salary schemes or promotions would have to be postponed until after the war, have been issued by Government.

### NEWSETTES

The Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall will speak on "Why I Teach English" at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel tomorrow.

The marriage took place on July 1, at the Royal Norwegian Consulate-General, Shanghai, of D. F. Wakeford-Westman, his Norwegian Majesty's Consul at Hongkong, to A. J. P. Dahlman-de Windt.

### TRIBUTE TO DEAD ARCHITECT

At the monthly meeting of the Singapore Municipal Commissioners today, Mr. L. Rayman, the president, referred to the death of a former Municipal architect, Capt. Meadows, who had served with the Municipality for a period of three years since 1922.

During his tenure of service as architect he had been responsible for the revision of the building by-laws and the introduction of several reforms in the conduct and work of the department.

Capt. Meadows and Mr. Alexander Gordon were also responsible for designing the municipal offices, said Mr. Rayman, and these stand as a worthy memorial to both the men.

As a mark of respect, the Commissioners stood for a while in silence.

### DECREE MADE ABSOLUTE

The decree nisi granted to J. Saminathan, a young Indian, dissolving his marriage with his wife, Antholmal Saminathan, on February 26 last, was made absolute in the High Court Singapore, by Sir Percy McElwaine, the Chief Justice.

Saminathan obtained his divorce on the ground of his wife's adultery with a man named Paul Tambirajah. The couple got married at the end of 1933 according to Roman Catholic rites and the alleged misconduct on the part of the respondent, took place in the following year at an address in Selegie Road, and later at Race Course Road.

The petition was made in forms papers and Mr. P. G. Vaux, appeared in support of the petition.



# China Now Building Constructive Order In East Asia, Says Mr. Owen Lattimore

MR. OWEN LATTIMORE, who is going to Chungking to take up a position as political adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, reached Hongkong yesterday and, after being met by a bevy of gentlemen representing the officialdom of China and the United States, cooled off for a while under a shower at the Peninsula Hotel before meeting the local Press.

He was in China, Mr. Lattimore said, as a private American citizen in the service of the Generalissimo and he expected to stay about six months.

Having just been flown across the Pacific, he was still somewhat in the air, but had arrived without the conviction shaken out of him by air travel that China, after four years of war, had become a commanding figure in East Asia, more so than she had ever been, and had, in fact, made herself into a great world power.

"In America, when I left, there was a general feeling," Mr. Lattimore said, "that there are two fixed points in the world today

where a real New Order is being born. In the West, Britain cannot be conquered and will not submit, and in the East, China cannot be conquered and she too will not submit.

"There is a New Order in East Asia. It is the constructive order that China is building today."

Asked about American aid to China, Mr. Lattimore said that there was sufficient evidence that it had begun, and he would add that this aid would increase and would not be cut off.

Mr. Lattimore, though he had visited Russia in 1936, disclaimed being an authority on the military situation in the Far East as affecting Russia, and would not venture an opinion as to whether a northern or a southern drive would be the likelier next step for Japan.

In Manila, he said, rumours pointed equally either way and it was a poor reflection on Japan that she was today a country of rumours.

## SEQUEL TO HANKOW KILLING

### JAPANESE MAKE FOUR DEMANDS

SHANGHAI, July 15 (Reuter).—At a Press conference today, a Japanese Naval spokesman revealed the Japanese have made four demands on the French Municipal Council in Hankow in connexion with July 12 on which day a Japanese was reported killed.

These are, firstly, apology by the French authorities; secondly, punishment of the constable and other officers responsible; thirdly, compensation for the victim; and fourthly, guarantee against recurrence of such incidents.

The spokesman said the French Concession authorities, after examination and autopsy of the dead Japanese, Shimizu, admitted his death was caused by shots and bayonet thrusts, there was no fault on the part of the victim and all the six Japanese had carried no arms.

**BAYONET WOUNDS**  
According to the spokesman, Shimizu was wounded in the chest, abdomen and the left arm and also sustained wounds through a bayonet.

It was asserted that the motor car in which the Japanese party was travelling had 11 bullet marks.

Referring to a foreign report that two Annamite constables were seriously wounded, the spokesman said as the Japanese did not carry arms, it was not clear by whom they were wounded and it was possible they were injured by stray bullets fired by the other constables.

## GENERAL WU TE-CHEN ON CHINA'S WAR EFFORT

CHUNGKING, July 15 (Central).—With greater American aid, our day of triumph will soon arrive," declared General Wu Te-chen, Secretary-General of the Kuomintang, in a radio speech to America on China's war aim this evening over the International Broadcasting Station.

General Wu declared that in her fight against Japanese aggression China is not only fighting for her own national existence but also to uphold the cause of Democracy in this part of the world.

After four years of resistance, she is now definitely recognised as the vanguard of the Democracies in the Far East, fighting for "those principles which are dear to every American heart—principles so forcibly set forth in the historic utterances of Abraham Lincoln and so ably defended by the genius of President Roosevelt today."

"It is of paramount importance, not only to us alone but also to the rest of mankind," General Wu emphasised, "that we should win; for the question whether 450 million people be allowed to live a free life or be permanently enslaved will have incalculable effects upon the future history of the world."

"If we should fall in our struggle, it would mean the destruction of everything humanity holds dear and precious. That is why we have, with a singleness of purpose, concentrated all our thoughts, all our efforts and all our energies in the struggle so that our cause may ultimately prevail."

"That is why we are determined to carry on our struggle, regardless of the sacrifice, to a victorious finish in order to eradicate war, once and for all, from the Far East. For, unless there is permanent peace in the Far East, there can be no permanent peace in the world, and unless there is permanent peace in the world, Democracy can never rest on a solid foundation."

## FORCED LABOUR IN NORWAY

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).—A new "Quisling decree" issued in Oslo gives the Government powers to compel any person, male or female, to do any work anywhere, according to information reaching the Norwegian telegraph agency in London.

The decree, it is stated, paves the way to deal with many State, municipal and professional workers who refused to co-operate with the Quisling Government for it is now possible to use them to provide cheap labour for German military works.

The Quislings have forged the names of a number of Norwegian officers in a desperate effort to get recruits to aid Germany against Russia, the agency states.

The officers concerned were surprised and indignant to find that their names had been used without their permission but the German press censorship forbade publication of their denials.

## END OF STRIFE

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The German Armistice Commission at Wiesbaden and from dangerous German intrigues and infiltration which were in progress.

### HISTORIC INTERESTS

"The historic interests of France in Syria and the primacy of those interests over the interests of other European nations are preserved without prejudice to the rights and sovereignty of Syrian races."

"The conclusion of this brief campaign reflects credit upon all responsible—upon General Wavell (Cheers) who was able to spare forces, first to put down the revolt in Iraq and afterwards to act in Syria, while at the same time making vigorous play against the German and Italian army and its strong armoured elements which have for so many months been attempting unsuccessfully to invade the Nile Valley."

"The actual conduct of the campaign was in the hands of General Sir Henry Maitland-Wilson who, it will be remembered, was the general who extricated our forces from Greece."

"He did not tell us much about what was going on in either case (laughter), but in both cases operations constitute an example of military skill."

### FULLER ACCOUNTS

"I hope it will soon be possible to give fuller accounts to the public of the Syrian fighting, marked as it was by many picturesque episodes such as the arrival of His Majesty's Life Guards and Royal Horse Guards and Essex Yeomanry in armoured cars across many hundreds of miles of desert to surround and occupy the oases of Palmyra (Cheers)."

"There are many episodes of that kind of great interest which I trust may soon be made public. The situation in the Nile Valley has, for the time being at any rate, been considered ably improved. If anyone had predicted two months ago, when Iraq was in revolt, when our people were hanging on by their eyelids and when our Minister was imprisoned in his Embassy at Baghdad and when Syria and Iraq began to be overrun by German tourists and were in the hands of forces controlled indirectly but none the less powerfully by the German authorities—if anyone had predicted that we should by the middle of July have cleaned up the whole of the Levant and re-established our authority for the time being, such a prophet would have been considered most imprudent."

### PLAYED THEIR PART

"The heavy but indecisive fighting at Solium by our desert army and the stubborn defence of Crete, in which such grievous losses were inflicted on the enemy's air power, must be judged to have played their part in arriving at the general result (Cheers)."

The Premier said that he had hoped to have included the Syrian agreement terms in his present statement, but they had not yet been released in their final form, and continued:

"There are some minor amendments which have been agreed upon, but in substance, they are entirely satisfactory to His Majesty's Government."

## Allied Occupation Of Syria Accomplished Without Any Alienation Of Arab Opinion

JERUSALEM, July 15 (Reuter).—With the close of the Syrian campaign, it is pointed out here that within a period of 34 days from June 8 when the Allies entered Syria, a country of an area of 60,000 square miles has been so effectively penetrated that General Dentz, despite considerable Vichy forces at his disposal, has been obliged to sue for peace, writes Reuter's Special correspondent in Damascus.

It is emphasised in military circles that the Allied object could have been achieved in half the time or less if there had been any intention of proceeding on the lines of the German blitz which was possible with the forces at the Allies' disposal.

The wisdom of the Allied tactics, consisting of slow enveloping movements, doing minimum destruction and interference with the local population but implacably strangling the Vichy supply lines, is shown by the fact that the Syrian and Lebanese population, which is mainly Arab, but with a large Christian element in Lebanon, has scarcely suffered during the campaign.

Only at Mezzine, where Vichy aircraft bombed the town and at Damascus where Axis planes adopted the same tactics was there extensive loss of civilian life.

Contrasting with this was the slowness with which the Allies approached Damascus and their repeated attempts to persuade General Dentz to evacuate the town without resistance.

### NEGLECTIBLE DAMAGE

When the Allies eventually entered Damascus, it was found that the civilian casualties were only two killed and eight injured, while damage to buildings was negligible and sacred edifices were unscathed.

It is pointed out that at no time was the Allied entry into Syria an invasion in the Hitler sense of the word but merely occupation for the purposes of military and strategic insurance.

Syria is no longer isolated but becomes a member of the sterling bloc. She is freed from the effect of the British blockade and resumes her place in the economy of the whole Near East.

### PECULIAR CAMPAIGN

JERUSALEM, July 15 (Reuter)

## SYRIA ARMISTICE RATIFICATION

### Military Conference Held In Camera

ACRE, July 15 (Reuter).—The proceedings which ended in the formal signature of the Armistice Convention yesterday evening started early in the morning.

General Georges Catroux, the Free French leader in Syria, was the first to arrive at 10.10 a.m. followed half an hour later by General Sir Henry Maitland-Wilson and Lieut-General Lavarack.

Apart from senior Staff Officers and official war correspondents no one was admitted to Sydney Smith Barracks and the actual conference between the military chiefs on both sides was, of course, held in camera.

Cavalrymen mounting guard at the gateway sprang smartly to attention as at 11.05 the Vichy General de Verdillac and his Chief of Staff drove up in a silver-grey limousine.

The Vichy representatives also included senior Naval and Air Force officers and M. Conti, Chief of Cabinet of General Dentz.

## HEAVY FIGHTING IN NORTH-WESTERN. WESTERN FRONTS:

MOSCOW, July 15 (Reuter).—A Russian communique states that heavy fighting continued in the north-western and western fronts. There were no changes on the other fronts.

The communique adds: "One infantry and two artillery of the German-Rumanian regiments invaded the Soviet territory."

"The Soviet artillery struck hard at the head of the column unexpectedly. Our armoured cars also attacked."

"Simultaneously our infantry met an enemy column with cross machinegun fire and panic spread through the enemy column."

"Lorries, guns, horses and soldiers were in confusion."

### WITHERING FIRE

"The Soviet artillerymen hastened to this place and turned the enemy's own guns against them and opened withering fire on the fleeing German soldiers."

## JAPANESE PREPARING FOR ATTACK ON SOVIET?

CHUNGKING, July 15 (Central).—A special dispatch from Kungming to the local TTA KUNG PAO reported that part of the Japanese forces in Canton has been transferred to Hainan Island where the troops are boarding Japanese transports, together with the bulk of the Hainan forces, northward bound, indicating Japanese preparations for an attack on the Soviet maritime provinces.



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## Political Troubles In Iraq In Relation To German Drive For Oil

"I BELIEVE THAT DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS GERMAN HAS BEEN ANIMATED BY ONE IDEA—TO GET OIL ANYWHERE AT ANY PRICE."

This was the view expressed by BRIGADIER A. PEFFERS when, addressing the Hongkong Rotary Club on the subject of "Iraq" yesterday, he discussed Germany's Balkan, Libyan and Russian campaigns and the political troubles in Iraq in relation to the German drive for oil.

"Recent events in Iraq can only be understood when they are related to the war as a whole and more particularly to the operations in the Middle East," Brigadier Peffers said.

"Various speculations have been hazarded on the object of Germany's strategy and German movements in the last six months."

"Germany's one objective is to destroy Great Britain. Her main objectives are Great Britain and her sea communications. To reach these objectives she must have oil."

### BALKANS DRIVE

"With this immediate end in view—to get her oil anywhere at any price—she entered Rumania and ultimately the Balkans. Her drive through the Balkans and her advance in Libya were aimed at the oil of Iraq and Iran."

"When her advance in Libya was halted and her designs in Iraq and Syria were frustrated, she turned to her alternative plan—the isolation and destruction of Russia."

"In this she showed a fine appreciation of the art of generalship—the conception and exploitation of alternative objectives. The defeat of Russia will place in her hands not only the oil of the Caucasus but will facilitate her approach to the oil of Iraq and Iran."

"By driving us from Greece and seizing Crete she closed our sea communications to the Black Sea, to Russia and Turkey, via the Dardanelles."

### ISOLATED TURKEY

"By engineering a coup in Iraq and threatening to utilise Syrian bases, she isolated Turkey and manoeuvred her into neutrality. By neutralising Turkey and involving us in Libya, Iraq and Syria and closing the Dardanelles, she almost isolated Russia and has turned to rend her."

"In the outcome I think she will perish, not by attacking her main objective, but in a hysterical search for oil."

SIMLA, July 15 (Reuter).—It is expected that the political announcement will be postponed for a short while.

## LINDBERGH BRANDED A KNIGHT OF NAZI EAGLE

NEW YORK, July 15 (Reuter).—

France's internal disintegration should teach the United States a frightening lesson, declared Mr. Ickes, United States Secretary of the Interior, addressing a Bastille Day rally here yesterday.

He continued: "Amongst us too, Nazis, pro-Nazis and potential Nazis are active. We have celebrities and appeasers. Hitler's conscious and unconscious tools, who would make us soft and malleable against the coming of Hitler's angels of hell."

"They strive with might and main—these American Lavalis and Quislings—to paralyse our wills and undermine our confidence."

**HITLER'S METHODS**  
A study of Hitler's methods of internal disorganisation and demoralisation helped one, Mr. Ickes declared, to understand Lindbergh and made one realise what a "menace he and those like him" are to the United States.

Describing Lindbergh as a "Knight of the German Eagle," Mr. Ickes asserted that Lindbergh's "passionate words are to encourage Hitler and break down the will of his fellow citizens to resist Hitler and Nazism."

### POLICE REPORTS

Miss Jenny Chai, of No. 540, Nathan Road, reports that while she was walking along Elgin Street at 5.45 p.m. on Monday, a Chinese male snatched away her wrist watch, valued at \$25, and escaped before he could be apprehended.

The theft of \$500 worth of cables from the Whitefield Barracks between 1 p.m. on July 13 and 7.30 a.m. on July 14 has been reported by L. H. C. Spence, C. of S.



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**Decree For Wife Of  
Racehorse Trainer**

In a defended divorce suit a decree nisi was granted in the Divorce Court against Major William Vandenberg Beatty, the racehorse trainer, of Phantom House, Newmarket, a brother of the late Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty, and uncle of the present earl.

It was obtained by his wife, the Hon. Victoria Alexandrina Sibell Beatty, daughter of Lord Southampton, on the allegation of Major Beatty's adultery with a woman named Gladys Knight, of Newton-Vertrie, Newmarket.

Major and Mrs. Beatty were married in 1925. The charge was denied by both Major Beatty and Miss Knight.

Mr. Justice Hodson said Mrs. Beatty had to complain of her husband's association with other women. She left him at least once, but returned at his request.

**"THE ONLY WOMAN"**

Major Beatty protested that the only woman he really cared for was his wife.

In 1930 he had a serious operation, which involved the amputation of his left leg. It was said

**TWINS BORN  
IN BUS**

A Chinese woman gave birth to twins in a bus in Penang recently. This unusual incident took place while the woman was coming to Georgetown from Telok Kumbar. She was conveyed to the Maternity Hospital.

It was said that the woman had been impotent, but the judge was not satisfied that that contention had been borne out.

Miss Knight, the daughter of respectable people living in Newmarket, was employed at a cinema there, first as an usherette and later as cashier.

The manager had to complain of her sitting in the cinema with Major Beatty when she should have been at the cash desk, and he complained of Major Beatty talking to Miss Knight at the box-office and keeping other people waiting.

There was other evidence on familiarity, but the sting of the case lay in evidence of servants, who said that on several occasions at night, when Mrs. Beatty was away, Miss Knight went to the house and was admitted by Major Beatty.

The only inference was that there was an adulterous association.

## COMING EVENTS

JULY

16—Tides: High 4.21 a.m. and 2.51 p.m. Low: 9.25 a.m. and 9.42 p.m. Sunrise: 4.58 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m. P.A. Council Meeting, Association's Office, 5.30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.

Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m. Lecture, Rt. Rev. Cheng-tai Song on "Problem of Life as seen Today," St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

17—Tides: High 5.11 a.m. and 4.12 p.m. Low: 11.09 a.m. and 10.27 p.m. Sunrise: 6.48 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m. Northcote Training College distribution of Certificates and Prizes, 11 a.m.

St. Andrew's Church Wartime Intercession Service, 6.30 p.m.

H.E. the Governor receives Committee of Po Leung Kuk, at Government House, 12 noon. St. Andrew's Club Social Evening, 8.45 p.m.

Miniature Horse Racing, Club de Recreo, King's Park. Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong. Crown Land Sale Land Office, Pong Shan, 11.30 a.m.

Y's Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

All-Hongkong Calligraphy and Art Exhibition.

Ladies' Knitting Party (B.W.O.P.), Helena May, 9 a.m. to noon. St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.

18—Tides: High 5.54 a.m. and 6.12 p.m. Low: 12.42 a.m. and 11.18 p.m. Sunrise: 6.49 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m. St. Paul's Girls' College Speech Day and Prize-Giving, Lee Hysan Hall, 9 p.m.

Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.

19—Tides: High 6.32 a.m. and 7.52 p.m. Low: 1.45 a.m. and 12.13 p.m. Sunrise: 6.48 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m. Claims against Estate of late Mr. R. L. D. Wodehouse due.

Dioecesan Meeting of St. John's Cathedral, Dr. Ullrich's House, Kowloon Hospital, 3 p.m.

20—Tides: High 7.14 a.m. and 9.11 p.m. Low: 2.33 p.m. Sunrise: 6.49 a.m.; Sunset: 8.10 p.m.

21—Tides: High 7.41 a.m. and 9.59 p.m. Low: 1.07 a.m. and 3.12 p.m. Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 8.09 p.m. Criminal Sessions, Supreme Court, 10 a.m.

22—Tides: High 8.17 a.m. and 3.49 p.m. Low: 1.57 a.m. and 3.49 p.m.

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## FIFTH TALK BY FR. RYAN ON

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Record Review

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Borodin—Symphony No. 2 in B Minor.

Allegro — Scherzo Andante

Allegro — The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Anne Shelton, Flanagan and Allen and The Ballyhoogs.

Flanagan and Allen Memories — Intro: Wanderer; Dreaming; Where The Arches Used To Be; Can't We Meet Again; A Million Tears; Underneath The Arches — Flanagan and Allen (Comedians) with Orchestra.

Temptation Rag — Fox-Trot (Edge). Somebody Stole My Gal (Wood). The Ballyhoogs.

The Baby (Davis, Agee, Santley). Maybe (Flynn-Madden) — Anne Shelton (Vocal). Choo-Choo — Quick-Step (Mau-

neck and Trumbauer). China Boy — Quick-Step (Winfree-Poutel). The Ballyhoogs.

In A Little Rocky Valley (Green and Others) — Flanagan and Allen (Comedians) w. Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from Light Opera.

"Gelsia" — Selection (Jones). Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. "Die Fledermaus" — Vocal Gems (J. Strauss).

The Grand Opera Company with Orchestra. "A Country Girl" Selection (Lionel Monckton). The London Theatre Orchestra. The Three Waltzes — Te Souvient-Il; C'est En Saison D'Amour (Marchand &amp; Wilmetz) — Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

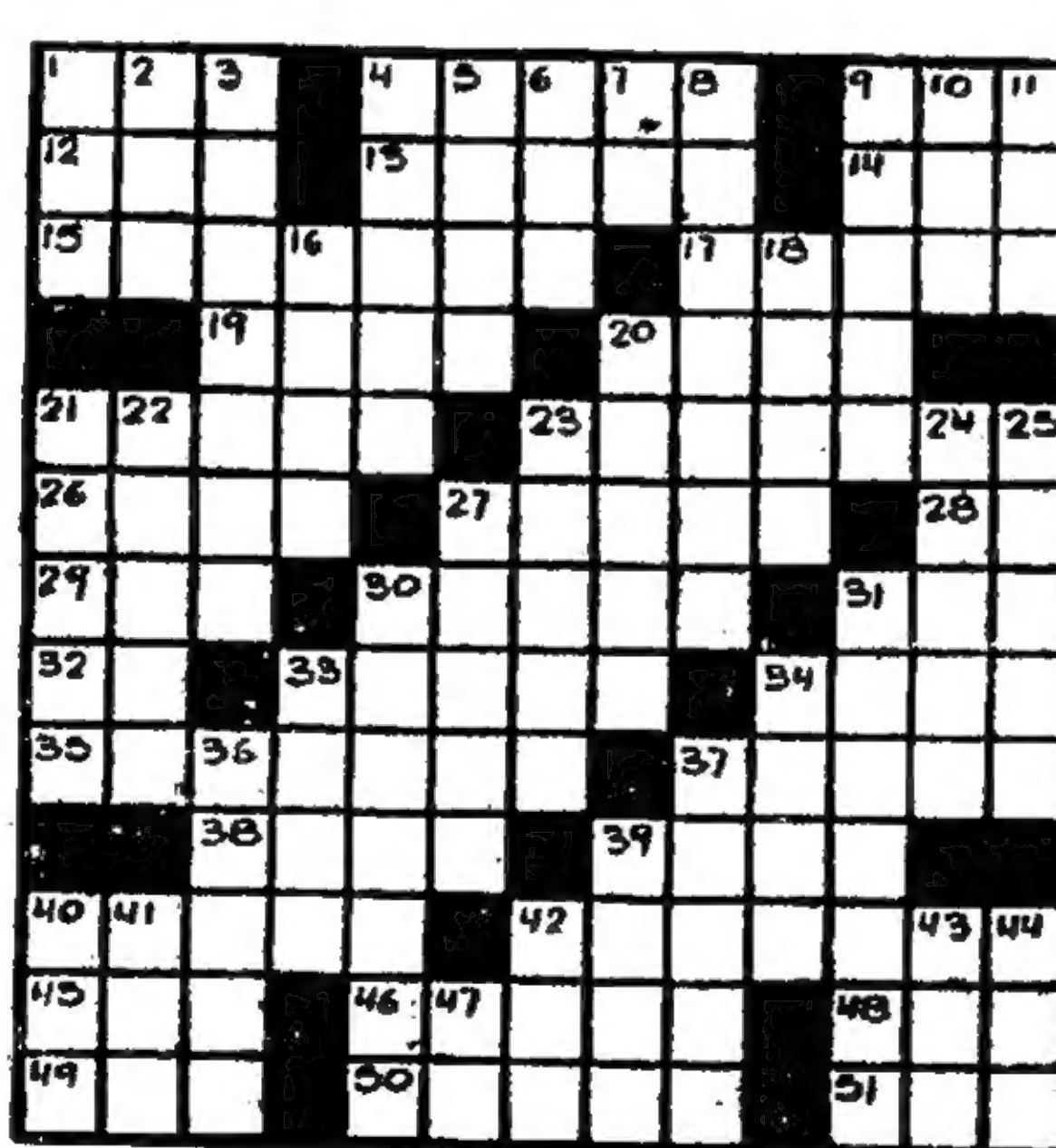
6.47 Compositions of Albeniz.

Suite Iberia—Triana—El Corpus en Sevilla—El Puerto—The Madrid Symphony Orchestra. Cordoba — Arthur Hübner (Piano). Quisiera Oydais Ojos—Tango — Beniamino Gigli.

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NO. 933

## ACROSS

- 1 Murass
- 4 Use frugally
- 9 Pose for a portrait
- 12 Hall!
- 13 Sharpens a razor
- 14 What great American poet was dismissed from West Point?
- 15 Who wrote "A Son of the Middle Border"?
- 17 What French critic wrote a famous history of English literature?
- 19 What English queen ruled jointly with William III?
- 20 Recreational tract
- 21 Remove hair
- 23 Is of importance
- 26 Section of a window
- 27 Short distances
- 28 Exclamation
- 29 Some
- 30 Throws
- 31 Also
- 32 Exists
- 33 Roles
- 34 Nuisance
- 35 Who was the Greek goddess of vengeance?
- 37 Desires
- 38 Insects
- 39 Blinding customs
- 40 Adeline was the first name of what great Italian soprano?
- 42 Dried grapes



- 45 Grow old
- 46 What Emperor was the son and successor of Charlemagne?
- 48 Masculine name
- 49 Curt
- 50 Bull
- 51 Fish

- 22 German towns of the Middle Ages
- 24 Perch
- 25 Missiles
- 27 Who awarded the golden apple of discord to Aphrodite?
- 30 Former kingdom of Spain
- 31 Duet
- 32 Shut-up
- 34 Animal's foot
- 36 Wedded
- 37 Part of the body
- 39 Secular
- 40 Dance-step
- 41 Fast
- 42 Regret
- 43 Born
- 44 Sun
- 47 Correlative of either

## DOWN

- 1 Pouch
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Of what country was Ebert the first president?
- 4 Fortion
- 5 Small horse
- 6 In addition
- 7 Concerning
- 8 Parcels of land
- 9 Large hall
- 10 Electrified particle
- 11 Golf mound
- 12 Bath
- 13 Divisions of learning
- 14 Agreements
- 15 What country be-

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## NEWS IN ENGLISH

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Full Bulletin . . . . . 8.00 p.m.  
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do . . . . . 1.00 a.m.  
Trans. II & III—News Summary . . . . . 8.30 a.m.

SOLAR ECLIPSE  
OBSERVATION

The Solar Eclipse Observation Party organised jointly by the Institute of Astronomical Research of the Academia Sinica and the Societe Astronomique de Chine is leaving Chungking for Lingtau in Kansu where the observation is to be made. The eclipse will occur on Sept. 21.

The Party headed by Mr. Chang Yu-chieh, Director of the Institute of Astronomical Research consists of eight persons including Mr. Kao Chin-chen, President of the Societe Astronomique de Chine.

Carrying a set of 21 astronomical instruments, members of the Party will travel to Kansu in a fleet of cars via Chengtu, Hanchung, Tientsin and Lanchow. They are expected to return here in the latter part of October. (Central News).

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## LAMMERTS AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators and Others

to sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Wednesday, the 16th July, 1941.

commencing at 11.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

A QUANTITY OF READY MADE DRESSES. SUNDRY FURNITURE AND SUNDRIES.

and

Rolls of Silk Ribbons.

1 Copying Machine and Paper

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.  
AUCTIONEERS.

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to sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Friday, the 18th July, 1941.

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

comprising:—

Teakwood Drawing Room, Bed Room, Dining Room and Office Furniture, Wardrobe & Cabin Trunks, Ornaments, Cutlery, Pictures, Clocks, E. P. Brass, Glass and Porcelain Ware, Cooking Utensils, Child's Tricycle & Bicycle, etc., etc.

also

A FEW PIECES OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE

and

3 Portable Gramophones  
3 Mitten Carpets  
2 Typewriters

1 Electrical Guitar with case  
1 Exposure Meter  
1 Enamel Bath  
1 Hand Sewing Machine

On View from Thursday, the 17th July, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.  
AUCTIONEERS.

## Another Mekong River Incident

SAIGON, July 15 (Reuter).—While the Monetary Conference between the Thai delegation and Indo-China representatives is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. today, it was revealed yesterday that an Indo-China mail boat was fired on from the Thailand bank of the Mekong River near Savannakhet and a protest is being made by the Indo-China authorities.

Two natives were killed and two were injured on board.

It is believed that Thailand is experiencing some difficulty regarding cash compensation for capital investments taken over in the ceded territory, and this will form one of the subjects of discussion at the Monetary Conference.

## GERMAN BALTIC CONVOY ROUGHLY HANDLED

## TWO DESTROYERS AND THIRTEEN TRANSPORTS CLAIMED SUNK

MOSCOW, July 15 (Reuter).—The official communique issued yesterday morning states: "During the night of July 13, no large-scale operations took place and no substantial alteration occurred in the position of the troops at the front."

"Our Air Force continued, during the night, destructive operations against enemy aircraft on their aerodromes, inflicted blows on the motorised units of the enemy, and bombed Jassy, Roman, and Ploesti."

"During Sunday, our Air Force destroyed 94 enemy planes and lost twelve planes."

Announcing the capture of the Soviet Radio Station at Barnowicz yesterday, the German wireless complained that the interior of the station had been completely destroyed. Soviet soldiers "having smashed up literally everything. Not the smallest glass instrument escaped their hammerblows. Being the most westerly, the Soviet transmitter station was of particular importance for propaganda purposes."

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE  
Yesterday's Finnish High Command communique states: At 3 p.m. on July 10, our troops advanced to the attack after artillery preparation, on the enemy's strongly fortified positions at Ladoga and Karelia.

In spite of stubborn enemy resistance, our troops broke through his positions at several points. Taking advantage of the success thus achieved, our troops have penetrated into the enemy's rear at some points to a distance of 60 kilometres from our present frontier. The advance continues."

GERMAN RAIDS  
Air attacks on railway lines in the neighbourhood of Leningrad and Smolensk as well as military objectives at Kiev on Sunday were announced in a statement issued by the Official German News Agency in Berlin yesterday.

The Agency claimed that the attacks were successful and that traffic on the railway lines was disrupted and that sheds and warehouses and waterworks at Kiev were set on fire. Substantial damage was also claimed as a result of raids on Soviet troop concentrations in the Vitebsk and Jotomir areas.

TANK OFFENSIVES  
A Soviet communique says that "During July 14, fighting continued in the north-westerly, westerly and south-westerly directions. Our troops opposed every enemy offensive of tanks and motorised units and in repeated counter attacks inflicted heavy losses on the enemy."

"In the westerly direction our troops and air force destroyed about 100 tanks and a great number of enemy cars."

In the south-westerly direction our troops defeated a large enemy unit of about 3,000 men. We captured a great number of guns, machine-guns and ammunition."

"On the night of July 13, and during July 14, our Air Force attacked enemy aircraft on their aerodromes and struck powerful blows against enemy troops, tanks and motorised units, and more detailed results of aerial combat and the operations of our air force are now available."

NAVAL OPERATIONS  
"In the evening of July 12, transports carrying German troops and tanks were sighted in the Baltic conveyed by destroyers and patrol boats, motor speed boats fighter planes."

Our Baltic fleet inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, striking successfully with planes, ships and coastal artillery."

Two destroyers were sunk together with 13 transports and a barge loaded with tanks. A further 13 transports and one destroyer were heavily damaged and were in flames."

"No losses were sustained on our side either in ships or aircraft."

## COLONEL DONOVAN CONFIDENT

NEW YORK, July 15 (Reuter).—"We are confident of ultimate victory."

This declaration was made by Colonel William Donovan, who has been appointed by President Roosevelt as Co-ordinator of Defence Information, speaking on the occasion of Bastille Day celebrations.

Colonel Donovan added: "We made a tragic mistake in withdrawing after the victory in 1918. We shall not make that mistake again."

## CHURCHILL REASSURES FRENCHMEN

## BASTILLE DAY MESSAGE

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill yesterday sent the following message to General de Gaulle and his "gallant comrades" on the occasion of the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille:—

"The soul of France can never die and the spirit of the French people will rise again from all ruin and misery purified and rejuvenated from what it has undergone."

"I send this message to tell all true Frenchmen and Frenchwomen wherever they may be, however hard their lot, that the British nation and Empire always march along the great road which leads to victory."

## GLORIES OF FRANCE

"I feel sure that most of us will live to see another July 14 when the glories of France will be restored and when amid the road of liberated Europe we will make amends for all."

"It is a good augury that this July 14 should witness the liberation of Syria from the control of Wiesbaden by British and French hands. Independence and sovereignty can be restored to the Arab peoples and the historic interests of France in Syria be recognised and preserved."

killed by German air raids.

In the previous six months, the number killed was 23,960.

## British Raid Casualties

## BIG DROP RECORDED IN FIGURES

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).—A big drop in the scale of German air raids on Britain is reflected in the latest official figures of civilian victims.

During the month of June, 399 persons were killed of whom 175 were men, 160 women and 64 children.

Injured and detained in hospital numbered 481, of whom 239 were men, 178 women and 47 children under 16 years of age.

In addition, seven persons, all men, are missing, believed killed.

Compared with these figures, it can be recalled that 5,300 were killed in May and 6,085 in April.

During the first half of this year, 18,314 persons have been

## HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE				SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
BANKS				TUESDAY 15 JULY.			
1400	1425	1410	25...	H.K. Banks	...	1425	...
...	...	...	286	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	286	...
...	...	...	281	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	281	...
...	...	...	15/16	Chartered Bank	...	15/16	...
...	...	...	232	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	232	...
...	...	...	211	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	211	...
...	...	...	75	Bank of East Asia	...	75	...
...	...	...	...	N. C. & S. Bank	18 ct.	...	...
INSURANCES				INSURANCES			
326	...	...	400	Caution Insurance	...	326	...
185	...	...	81	Union Insurance	...	400	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Fire	70 cts.	185	...
SHIPPING				SHIPPING			
...	...	...	120	Douglases	...	120	...
...	...	...	84	Steamboats	...	84	...
...	...	...	80	Indo-China (Pref.)	...	80	...
...	...	...	40/2	Indo-China (Def.)	...	80	...
...	...	...	6.50	Shells	...	40/2	...
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.				DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.			
...	...	...	90	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	90	...
5.95	6.05	6	...	Providentia	...	6	...
...	...	...	15.50	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	15.50	...
...	...	...	30	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shanghai Docks	...	30	...
MINING				MINING			
...	...	...	12/6	Kailash	...	12/6	...
...	...	...	2 cts.	Rauba	...	8	...
...	...	...	...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS				LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS			
...	...	...	3.80	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	3.75	...
304	304	...	...	H.K. Lands	...	304	...
...	...	...	974	Do. 4% Debentures	...	974	...
...	...	...	18.80	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...
...	...	...	3.40	H.K. Realities	...	3.35	...
...	...	...	...	Humphreys	...	6.00	...
...	...	...	...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
...	...	...	412	Cotton Mills	...	412	...
...	...	...	305	Kwo (S.)	...	305	...
...	...	...	...	Shai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Zoong Sings (S.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Public Utilities	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Tramways	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	Peak Trams (old)	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	Peak Trams (new)	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	Star Ferries	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	Ymat Ferries	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	China Lights (O.)	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	China Lights (N.)	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Electric (Rts)	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	Macao Electric	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	Sandakan Lights	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	Telephones (old)	...	17	...
...	...	...	...	Telephones (new)	...	17	...
INDUSTRIALS				INDUSTRIALS			
...	...	...	...	Cald, Macg. (Ord.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Cald, Macg. (Pref.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Caution Loan	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	4% Loan	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	5% Loan	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	6% Loan	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Entertainment	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Construction (old)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Construction (new)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Sinocore	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Watsons	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Oh. G.S. 1936 Bonds	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shai Wing On	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Yat Fung	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Messum & Co. (H.K.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Wm. Powell	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Lights	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Trade to Shanghai	...	...	...

## JAPANESE FALL IN N. KIANGSI CHINESE TRAP

## TSINGAN BATTLE DESCRIBED

SHANGHAI, July 15 (Central).—In a vigorous counter-attack Chinese troops on the northern Kiangsi front have recaptured Tsingan, an important town on the south bank of the Central Liao River about 30 miles north-west of Nanchang, according to a field dispatch reaching here last night.

Describing the Tsingan battle, the report says that over 1,000 Japanese troops launched, forth from Jenschouchen, northwest of Anyi, in the middle of last week in a furious onslaught on Tsingan. In order to draw the enemy into the Chinese trap, the Tsingan garrison evacuated the town on July 10.

## SANGUINARY FIGHTING

At nightfall, however, while the Japanese were not yet firm in their foothold inside the town, the Chinese counter-attacked, and after a few hours' sanguinary fighting recaptured the town, inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese forces.

Tsingan's strategic importance lies in the fact that it is a junction town on river and highway, forming with Anyi and Fengshi an important triangle in the outer defence ring of Nanchang, provincial capital of Kiangsi.

## BRITISH SEAMEN RELEASED

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).—British merchant seamen who had been kept as prisoners in French colonial territory since the Dakar incident, presumably at the instigations of the Germans, but who were recently released, have now arrived back in Britain.

When released, they made their way as best they could to a West African port. There they were joined by other Britishers who had been taken at various periods from torpedoed British ships.

The party which arrived at a British port numbered 400 seamen of all ranks. Most had lost all their possessions and were clothed in oddments of attire, chiefly obtained in the tropics.

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).—Three passengers, all airmen, were injured when an enemy raider swooped low and machine-gunned a train in the Home counties. The train resumed its journey after the injured were attended to.

## PRE-PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below:—

SITUATIONS VACANT. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS WANTED. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS TO BE LET. MISCELLANEOUS WANTS.

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## WANTED TO BUY

WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles, Jade, diamonds, jewels, watches, fountain pens. Apply Far East Diamond and Gold Refining Co., Room 621, China Building, 6th floor. Sundays and Holidays open.

## WANTED KNOWN

Experienced Book-keeper Wants Students to form a class. Guarantees students to keep a whole set of books after completion of a course of 6 months. For Term and Particulars. Please Apply to—Box No. 463 c/o H.K.D.P.

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No sleep last night?  
TRY  
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THOSE WHO KNOW SAY,  
IT'S THE SCOTCH!

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THE MODERN ANTISEPTIC

This highly efficient killer of germs is non-poisonous and non-staining. Keep it handy. Use it in time.

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Hull & London, England  
Agents:  
Imperial Chemical Industries  
(China) Ltd., Hong Kong.

FEW NAZI PLANES OVER BRITAIN  
AMERICAN MAIZE FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).—A small number of enemy aircraft have been off the British coast, yesterday and a few have flown inland, but there is no report of any bombs having been dropped, states the Air Ministry.

Two enemy bombers were destroyed in the afternoon, one by anti-aircraft gunfire on the east coast of Scotland and the other by fighters off the Welsh coast.

NEW YORK, July 15 (Reuter).—Completion of arrangements for shipment to Britain 2,350,000 bushels of Government-owned maize under the Lease and Lend Act within a few weeks was announced by the Commodity Credit Corporation spokesman yesterday.

He also stated that negotiations are in progress for the shipment of naval stores under the same Act.

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FOR THE OFFICE WORKER A DELICIOUS —  
SNACK Tiffin  
\$1.00  
SERVED QUICKLY—SERVED WELL

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GREAT EAST COAST LTD. OF AUCTIONS IN TOWN  
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Just Received  
FRESH SUPPLY  
of the best  
varieties of  
RELIABLE & TESTED  
FLOWER AND VEGETABLE  
SEEDS  
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Established 1884, Hong Kong



## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS  
JULY 15, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 460	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/4	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 82 5/8	
and demand	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 7/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 46 1/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 104 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48 1/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 1.0 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/4	

## Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Tuesday, July 15.

Silver prices were not quoted this morning. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

## MARKET

## STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to September, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

## U. S. DOLLARS

No business was reported. There were sellers at 24 1/2 for near and 24 9/16 September, small buyers at 24 9/16 July.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Quiet. Business was done during the course of the morning at 462 1/2 and 462 1/4. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 462 1/4, buyers at 462 1/4.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 1/4 and closed at 3 15/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 5/16 and then receded to 5 9/32. At the close sellers were reported again at 5 5/16 for Cash.

## AFTERNOON MARKET

## STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to September, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

## U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 24 1/2 for near and 24 9/16 September with small buyers at 24 9/16 July.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Closed with sellers at 462 1/4, buyers probably at 462 1/2 for Spot.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

The market closed with sellers of Sterling at 3 15/64 for Spot and U.S. Dollars sellers were reported at 5 5/16 for Spot.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, July 15 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London	4/8-3/16
New York	6/9-1/16
Japan	22
India	17-5/8
Hongkong	21-1/8
Paris	nominal

## Sterling

Spot	0/3-1/4	0/3-15/64
July	0/3-1/4	0/3-15/64
Aug.	0/3-1/4	0/3-15/64

## U.S. Dollars

Spot	\$5-5/16	\$5-5/16
July	5-9/16	5-9/32
Aug.	5-5/16	5-9/32

## Market: Quiet.

## Silver: Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalization rate was 23-1/2 per cent.

## Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, July 14 (Reuter).  
T.T. on Japan: 81-1/2.

## India Rupee Paper

Bombay, July 14 (Reuter).  
Govt. 8% Rupee, 96-1/2.

## N.Y. COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	Prev	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Oct.	15.53	15.75	15.68	15.70	17 up
New York Rubber, Sept.	21.35b	21.51	21.50	21.51b	16 up
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	106 1/2	107	105 3/4	105 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, Sept.	75 3/4	75 3/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	1 off

## N.Y. COTTON

	Closing Ranges	Changes
July	15.51/61	14 up
Oct.	15.70/70	17 up
Dec.	15.84/84	18 up
Jan.	15.88/88	16 up
Mar.	15.90/90	18 up
May	15.92/92	19 up

Friday's sales:—121,500 bales.

## N.Y. RUBBER:

Sept.	21.51b/70a	16 up
Dec.	21.35b/45a	05 up
Mar.	21.20b/40a	20 up

Total sales:—150 tons.

## NEW YORK HIDES:

Dec.	14.28b/39a	02 off
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Total sales:—8 lots.

## CHICAGO WHEAT:

July	104/103 1/2	1 off
Sept.	105 1/2/105 1/2	1 off
Dec.	107/107 1/2	1 off

Friday's sales:—7,608,000 bushels.

## CHICAGO CORN:

July	73 1/2b	1 off
Sept.	75 1/2a	1 off
Dec.	76 1/2/78 1/2	1 off

## NEW YORK LARD:

Sept.	10.52b	08 off
Dec.	10.85a	10 off

## N.Y. BLACK PEPPER:

Sept.	5.69b/73a	03 up
Dec.	5.79b/83a	04 up

## N.Y. COTTONSEED OIL:

Sept.	11.45/45	19 up
Dec.	11.28b/32a	16 up

## N.Y. SUGAR No. 3:

July	2.56b/58a	03 up
Sept.	2.57b/58a	03 up

## N.Y. SUGAR No. 4:

Sept.	1.20b/21a	04 up
Dec.	1.24b/25a	05 up
May	1.28b/29a	05 up

## NEW YORK COCOA

Sept.	7.51 N	01 off
Dec.	7.53 N	02 off

## N.Y. WOOL GREASE

Dec.	93.2b/4a	1 off
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## N.Y. Official Silver

34-3/4	
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## N.Y./London Cross Rate

4.03-1/2	
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## LONDON METALS

## EXCHANGE

London, July 14 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle

Price, £258-5/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle

Price, £261-3/8.

Market steady. Early smelter

selling again attracted buying of

cash from one trade quarter.

## H.K. Stock

## Exchange

Tuesday, July 15

## BUYERS

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) X.I.

92 1/2

Canton Ins., \$225.

H.K. Fire Ins., \$185.

H.K. Marine, \$875.

Chinese Estates, \$101.

Electricity (O) X. Rts., \$22.

Electricity (N), \$21.

Macan Electric, \$18.

## SELLERS

Providents, \$5.

Hotels, \$3.80.

Lands, \$35.75.

Lights (O), \$6.10.

## SALES

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) X.I.

93

Providents, \$6/5/85.

Electricity Rts., \$11.30.

## HONGKONG

## SHAREBROKERS'

## ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted

on Tuesday, July 15, 1941.

## SALES

China Lights (O) 600 \$8.05

00 8.05

Cementa 200 15.25

H.K. Electrica (O) 200 22.25

H.K. Tramways 400 17.40

H.K. Hotels 200 3.70

H.K. Wharves 100 91.00

1,000

The total value of business transacted on Tuesday, July 15, 1941, was \$27,323.00.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

JULY 15, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	68	Johnsmanville	67 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Kentecott Copper	88 1/2
Allis Chalmers	30 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	29 1/2
Amer. Can.	87 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	27 1/2
American Cyanamid Co.	40 1/2	Loew's Inc.	31 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	19 1/2	Martin, Glen L. Co.	29 1/2
Amer. & Foreign P. of	19 1/2	Montgomery Ward	35 1/2
Amer. Locomotive Co.	14 1/2	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Metals	18 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	22 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sling and Ring Co.	44 1/2	National Supply Corp.	7 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	17 1/2	New York Central	13
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	156 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	24
Amer. Tobacco "B"	72 1/2	N. American Aviation	14 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	41	North American Co. (New)	13
Anaconda Copper	28 1/2	Northern Pacific	7 1/2
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	29 1/2	Packard Motors	21
Aviation Corp.	31	Paramount Pictures	12 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive Co.	16 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	4 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	44
Barnard Oil	10 1/2	Pullman Inc.	27 1/2
Bendix Aviation	38 1/2	Pure Oil	10 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	78 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	8 1/2
Bills & Co., E.W. (com.)	18	Reading Company, Com	17 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	17 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	44 1/2
Borg-Warner	19 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Briggs Mfg. Co.	19 1/2	Republic Steel	20 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	41	Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38 1/2
Canadian Pacific	41	Schenley Distillers	12 1/2
Celanese Corp.	25 1/2	Shell Union Oil	15 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	38 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Chrysler	56 1/2	Southern Pacific	12 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	34	Southern Ry. \$5 pfd.	37
Commercial Credit Co.	25 1/2	Spieler Manufacturing Co.	27
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	9 1/2	Standard Brands	8
Consolidated Edison Co.	19 1/2	Standard Gas & Elec.	20
Consolidated Oil	6 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	44
Copperweld Steel	16	Studebaker Corp.	54
Curtis Wright (C.)	94	Swift International	20 1/2
Distillers Corp. (Seagrams)	15 1/2	Technicolor	9 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	74 1/2	Texas Corp.	43
Du Pont de Nemours	150	Trans-America Co.	44
Eagle Picher Lead	9	20th Cent. Fox Film, Com.	6 1/2
Elec. Antellote Co.	28	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	Union Pacific	82 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pfd.	54	United Aircraft	41 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pfd.	58 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	11
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pfd.	35 1/2	United Corp.	8
Flintkote	15 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pfd.	23 1/2
Gen. Electric	33 1/2	United Gas Improvement	7 1/2
Gen. Motors	38 1/2	U.S. Rubber	25 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	15 1/2	U.S. Steel	58 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2	Vanadium	20 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	15 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	7
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	18 1/2	Walworth Co.	54
Great Northern Iron Ore	17 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	44
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	27	Westinghouse Elec.	95 1/2
Great Western Sugar	25 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	28 1/2
Inter. Nickel	28 1/2	Chase National Bank	31 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	17 1/2	National City Bank	27 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel. (Fon. Is.)	21 1/2	Libby, McNeil	—

## DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1941	July 15, 1941.	Change
High	133.60	133.60	—
Low	115.30	115.30	—
Dow Jones Average	127.80	127.80	—
Industrials	28.53	28.53	—
Rails	29.53	29.53	—
Utilities	18.61	18.61	—
Bonds	81.44	81.44	—
Commodity Index	73.58	73.58	—

## LONDON STOCK

## EXCHANGE

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).

The Stock Exchange yesterday was much quieter but profit-taking only partially checked the advance.

Gilt-edged securities were sometimes a shade lower, but industrials and oils were well held with some further advances recorded.

There was some activity in rubbers, especially Anglo-Dutch, while shipping was also firm.

Kaffirs were dull but diamonds were steady. Japanese bonds recorded a slight advance in the South American rails.

Wall Street was steady.

## SILVER MARKET

## LONDON SILVER

London, July 14 (Reuter).

Silver—Little trade demand and carrying bull contracts with offers light. Market very steady.

Spot, 23-6/16d.

Forward, 23-3/8d.

## BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, July 14 (Reuter).

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 68-00-0

July 19 Settlement 62-15-6

Aug. 18 Settlement 62-13-6

## LONDON GOLD

London, July 14 (Reuter).

Bar Gold: Fine per oz. 168/-

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, July 14.

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War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red.

after 1952) 105-1/16

Defence Loan, 3% 100-15/16

Canton-K'loon Ry. 5% 9

Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 43

1898 (Brit. Issue)

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 45

1925/47

Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French 43

Loan, 1908

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 27

1912

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 37

1913 (Ldn. Is.)

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 7-9

1925 (Vickers)

Chin. Imperial Ry. 5% 51



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## Japanese To Move Against Indo-China?

SAIGON, July 15 (Reuter).—While news of the continuation of the Japanese Press attacks against Indo-China is greeted apathetically by the general public, it is felt that some form of Japanese action is pending for the near future.

Typical comment asserts that the apparent ability of Russia to stem the German invasion is causing Japan to relinquish ideas for a northward move against the Soviet and to renew the southward drive with a view to quieting unrest in Japan, due to the present static situation.

The only real incentive would be the acquisition of advanced aeroplanes and naval bases in the Southern Pacific.

Except for a temporary hitch in the delivery of rice, Indo-China is fulfilling all the conditions of the recently ratified treaty to the letter.

Official and Japanese circles refuse to comment.

## REINCARNATION OF PANCHEN LAMA

KANGTING, July 15 (Central).—Nine children born about the time of the death of the Panchen Lama who passed away at Jyekundo on his trip back to Lhasa on November 30, 1937, have been found by the Kumpars delegated by the Tibetan religious pontiffs headquarters. One will be chosen as the successor.

The nine candidates were found in the following places: three in Chinghai (Kokonor), four at Litan, tribal country in north-western Szechwan, one at Luhuo in Sulyuan and one at Derkeh, Sikang.

It is understood that the traditional methods of casting lots and augury will be employed to determine the reincarnation. As a preliminary step, the late Living Buddha's belongings will be placed before the candidates and see who recognise them. The chosen candidates will draw lots under the supervision of the Central Government. The method of augury will be repeated three times.

When the late Panchen Lama died, he left word that his successor would be found northeast of Tibet. Consequently nine children were found in Sikang, Chinghai and Szechwan provinces, all qualified as candidates.

## AIR RAID ALERTS IN ALEXANDRIA

CAIRO, July 15 (Reuter).—Air raid alerts were again sounded in Alexandria and in some parts of the delta area on Sunday night.

The Ministry of the Interior announced this yesterday and stated that a few bombs were dropped on the Suez Canal area during the night, causing slight damage. One person was killed.

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the sloop Auckland (Commander M.S. Thomas) has been sunk. The next of kin of the casualties have been informed. The Auckland was a vessel of 1,200 tons and was completed in 1938.

## SUCCESSFUL R.A.F. OPERATIONS IN NORTH AFRICA AND EUROPE: AXIS SHIPPING CHIEF TARGETS OF SWEEPS: MANY HITS SCORED

CAIRO, July 15 (Reuter).—More Axis ships carrying supplies to North Africa have been destroyed by R.A.F. bombers, including one ship of 7,000 tons.

A communique issued from British Headquarters says: "R.A.F. bombers carried out a successful attack on an enemy convoy outside Tripoli yesterday. One 7,000-ton ship was hit and set afire and destroyed. Huge columns of smoke rose from the ship to a great height.

"One three-masted schooner, apparently carrying oil or munitions, blew up when hit by a bomb and another small vessel of about 100 tons was seen burning steadily.

"Several large bombs were also dropped on ships inside Tripoli harbour.

"Heavy bombers of the R.A.F. attacked Benghazi harbour and the aerodrome at Derna during Friday night. One Junkers 88 was shot down by British fighters off the Libyan coast on Saturday.

### RHODES ISLAND

"Heavy bombers raided enemy aerodromes on Rhodes Island during Saturday night. At Calato, bombs fell on the landing grounds and the dispersal area, causing fires and explosions.

"At Maritza, aerodrome buildings and hangars were hit and left burning strongly and a number of heavy explosions were caused. Dispersed aircraft are believed to have been destroyed and the forest to the east of the aerodrome was left burning.

"Fires and explosions were also caused at Kattavia aerodrome.

"From these operations all our aircraft returned safely."

### CHERBOURG AGAIN

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).—It is learned that docks and shipping at Cherbourg and Le Havre were attacked by Blenheims escorted by fighters early yesterday.

At Cherbourg a ship of about 6,000 tons was hit and set afire. Direct hits were also seen on a railway station south of the docks on locomotive sheds and on a factory.

At Le Havre, a ship of about 6,000 tons was hit and was later seen to be half submerged.

Later in the morning, another escorted formation of Blenheims attacked rail yards at Hazebrouck many sticks of bombs falling on the target.

Seven enemy fighters were destroyed. Two British bombers and four fighters are missing.

### CONVOY ATTACKED

In the afternoon, Blenheims again winged their way across the sea to bomb a convoy off the Dutch Frisian Islands.

Eight enemy fighters were shot down in the four sweeps while two R.A.F. bombers and four fighters are missing.

Two pilots bailed out to safety when their machines collided in diving at a Messerschmitt.

### DIRECT HITS

During a search for enemy shipping yesterday afternoon, Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked a small convoy off the Dutch Frisian Islands, states the Air Ministry.

One vessel of 6,000 tons received three direct hits, another of 3,000 tons was hit on the stern and an escort vessel of 1,500 tons was hit aft and amidships.

One enemy fighter which attacked was shot down into the sea. No British aircraft is missing.

## AMERICAN PRESS ALLEGATIONS REFUTED

### Re-Export Of Lease, Lend Goods

WASHINGTON, July 15 (Reuter).—A flat denial of American press reports that Britain is taking advantage of the Lease and Lend aid to further her own export trade at the expense of American exports was given by Sir Owen Chalkley, Commercial Counsellor at the British Embassy yesterday.

Sir Owen also denied that Lease and Lend goods are being reprocessed for export, especially to South America. He said that shipping and man-power considerations had been making it extremely difficult for British to maintain the level of her export trade.

### DRASTIC REDUCTION

Since the generous Lease and Lend arrangements had come into force a drastic reduction in British exports had proved possible.

Lease and Lend arrangements do not mean that Britain must abandon all export trade, but the Act enabled Britain to restrict exports to the minimum required to pay for current essential purchases and to carry on her war effort.

## CONGRESS ACTION SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, July 15 (Reuter).—Following President Roosevelt's conference with legislative leaders yesterday it was reliably reported that they had agreed to seek prompt action by Congress to retain selectees and members of the National Guard in training beyond the original one year service.

Reporters were told by a member of the conference that another proposal to lift the prohibition on sending selectees outside the Western Hemisphere would probably not be considered "at any time in the near future."

This proposal in particular was met with considerable advance opposition in Congress.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 16 to 22 July 1941.

HIGH WATER.			LOW WATER.		
Days of Week	Days of Month.	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height.	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height.
Wed.	16	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		03 21	4 9	20 42	3 6
Thu.	17	04 11	5 1	10 09	3 6
		16 12	4 0	21 27	2 7
Fri.	18	04 54	5 4	11 42	3 3
		17 12	3 6	22 18	3 0
Sat.	19	05 32	5 6	12 45	2 6
		18 52	3 6	23 13	3 1
Sun.	20	06 14	6 0		
		20 14	3 6	13 33	2 1
Mon.	21	06 41	6 4	00 07	3 2
		20 59	3 8	14 13	1 6
Tues.	22	07 23	6 8	00 07	3 2
		21 36	4 0	14 49	1 2

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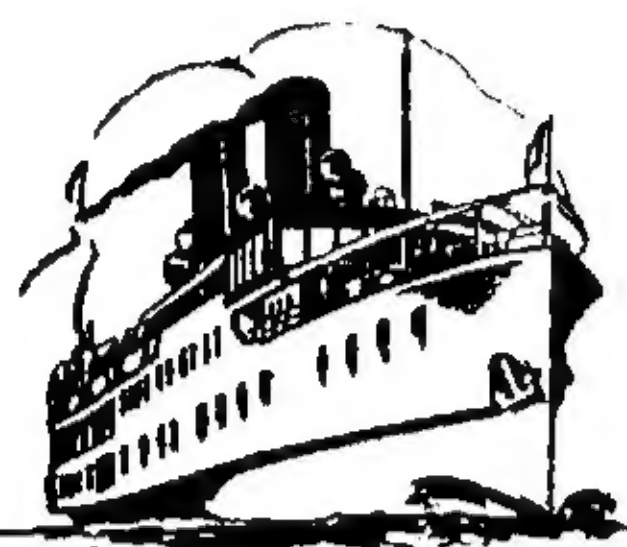
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## Bastille Day In Vichy

### CEREMONIAL VISIT TO MONUMENT

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain, Admiral Darlan and other members of the Vichy Government, marked the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille yesterday by a ceremonial visit to the Vichy monument to fallen soldiers.

Recording this, the Lyons radio announced that Marshal Petain, Admiral Darlan and General Huntziger placed wreaths of cornflowers at the base of the monument.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large crowd, including legionnaires.

The announcer stated similar ceremonies are being held to-day all over France together with special church services. France, he said, was celebrating July 14 in a spirit of meditation.

### DE GAULLE MESSAGE

"The greatest glory in the world—that of men who have not surrendered—awaits the Allies," says General de Gaulle in a fourteenth of July message, which further states: "July 14, 1941, is for us a fête day of faith and national hopes. Of faith because never despite France's tears have we believed more firmly in her and her destiny. Of hope because we see appearing on the horizon all the gifts of victory."

"Soldiers, sailors, airmen and my good colleagues, remain strong, unsullied and faithful."

"At the end of our troubles there is the greatest glory in the world—that of men who have not surrendered."

### WAVED TO R.A.F.

The townspeople of Cherbourg in Occupied France celebrated their National Day by crowding into the streets and waving to the crews of R.A.F. Blenheim bombers as they roared over the house-tops.

## MEDITERRANEAN OPERATIONS

### British Submarine Torpedoes Tanker

LONDON, July 15 (Reuter).—"The Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean has reported further success by the submarines operating under his command," states an Admiralty communiqué.

The Italian tanker Strombo of 5,232 tons which, as already reported, had put into Istanbul seriously damaged by a torpedo from one of our submarines, has now been sunk while on her way to Italy to undergo repairs.

A heavily laden supply ship of about 5,500 tons, which was sailing in a convoy escorted by an armed merchant cruiser and a destroyer, has also been sunk.

A large sailing vessel transporting enemy troops and military stores has been sunk in the Aegean.

Another submarine, finding no enemy shipping on the high seas, attacked by gunfire the enemy anchorage of Has Tayones, near Benghazi. In this attack a supply ship of about 1,500 tons and an armed trawler were certainly damaged and probably sunk.

## WATER-POLO RESULTS

The following were the results of matches played last night in the European Y. M. C. A. invitation water-polo tournament:—

Navy "A" six (Patt 2, Butler 2, Halfyard 1 and Hoare 1) beat 8th R. A. two (Marshall 1 and Colthorpe 1);

Y. M. C. A. seven (Benn 2, May 2, Booker 2 and Maynard 1) beat Middlesex "B" nil.

Y. M. C. A. six (R. Goldman 3, Mainard 1, Robert 1 and May 1) beat Royal Scots "B" two (Bankier 1 and Glammer 1);

Middlesex "A" seven (Jennings 3, Dimmon 2 and Hymas 2) beat Combined Small Units nil;

Sigmals nine (Allen 5, Pitcher 2, Bennett 1 and Hunt 1) beat 30th R. A. nil.

Mr. Ho Wo-kan, shop master of No. 9, Ship Street, has informed the Police that between 12.30 and 1 p.m. on Monday, two of his foks absconded with \$1,000. The money was said to have been removed from a locked safe.

## MONEYLENDING MUST BE CONTROLLED

(SUNDAY TRIBUNE STAFF REPORTER)

Lots of things have been said about money-lenders in this country. Various victims have related their experience with money-lenders and various associations have discussed the problem and its evils but so far no constructive suggestions have been made as to how the problem should be tackled. Every man who needs money still has the same solution—the money-lender.

A man may get a loan from a co-operative society if he is a member, but before he gets a loan he will have to satisfy the society on a multitude of points.

A man may also appeal to his employers for a loan, but very few employers give loans. The one serious problem that has to be tackled and a solution found, is how to prevent a money-lender from making his debtor sign for a sum far in excess of the money borrowed.

That is a question that will continue to baffle the most earnest reformer.

The Government of Johore has made a great contribution to the problem; some time ago steps were taken to relieve Government employees who were in debt.

Last week it was announced that further legislation has been prepared to prevent a Government servant borrowing money unless the previous sanction has been obtained from the Government. The position is that while discouraging borrowing the Government is prepared to help a man really in need.

### A STORY TOLD

No scheme to prevent borrowing from money-lenders can be effective unless an alternative source from which a man in difficulties can get money is forthcoming.

Here is a frank story told by a man who is hopelessly in the clutches of a money-lender:

"Four years ago my income was \$57 and I was the only earning member of the family. My father was an invalid and I had to support my parents and two younger brothers and I had to contribute Rs. 30 for their expenses.

"Four years ago I received a telegram saying that my father was seriously ill, and needed medical attention. I had nobody to go to. There was only one way open to me—a money-lender.

"A friend introduced me to a Sikh money-lender. The bearded one put me on a pedestal, he called me 'tuan' and started off by relating to me his 'sad' experiences in the money-lending business. He told me how a 'busoh punya orang' had borrowed \$50 and paid \$5 only as interest for six months

and how the judge had ordered him to pay \$50 with interest and costs of \$5 a month. To avoid all these troubles he had been forced to adopt safer methods of business. We were only beginning.

"He got on to business in hand. If the 'tuan' needed \$50, he must sign for \$150, he was sorry but that's how it was. It was a common practice, everybody did it, and it was quite harmless really. My friend thought it was quite harmless too, so I signed.

"The 'bal' counted out \$49 three times before he gave the money to me. There was an explanation why it was \$49 and not \$50, but I told him not to bother. I trusted him so much.

"I paid him \$70 in five months in instalments of \$14. Then my troubles began. I fell in love with a girl from a poor family. I had to marry in a hurry, because—but that has nothing to do with this story. My widowed mother-in-law and her eight children were dependant on the 'Silver Jubilee Fund' and she was three months behind in rent. I had to appeal to my 'benefactor' again and obtained another \$49 on the same terms as before.

"I paid him \$14 for three months and then paid interest of \$4. By this time the 'bal' dropped the 'tuan'. I appeared in court for the first time and the judge ordered me to pay \$114 and costs.

"A fortnight later everything I had in my house was sold for \$27 by auction. Ever since I have known no peace. My father is still ill, my wife is ill and when she gets better my two children fall ill. My salary now is \$80, my debts amount to \$500 and I pay \$50 a month towards the debt, \$30 being interest. I have lost my friends and relations. Every time I go near them they shun me, because they think I am going to approach them for a loan."

Truly some action must be taken here in Singapore.

## SEIZURE OF TWO MILLS IN S'HAU

### ALLEGED NANKING INTENTION

SHANGHAI, July 15 (Reuter).—Referring to Nanking's alleged intention to seize two privately-owned cotton mills, Mr. King Tshuei, Chief of the Shanghai Office of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, told a representative of the official Nanking Central Press Service that the report of taking over was "absolutely groundless as the Ministry has no intention of taking over the factories."

Regarding the announcement purporting issued by the "committee for taking over No. 2 and No. 3 cotton mills," King said that the National Government has established no such organization and while the purpose of the announcement could not be ascertained, "this illegal act is outrageous."

He further pointed out that the Ministry of Industry and Commerce is investigating the matter "with the view of meting out strong punishment to the offenders."

### MIGHT BE HOAX

According to the NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS, the notice regarding taking over the mills might be a hoax arranged by some cotton speculators who are willing to see the prices of cotton drop to their own advantage.

The notice was printed by the No. 9 and No. 2 Sung Sing cotton mill receiving committee without mentioning the name of any official organization under the new Nanking regime.

It was stated: "We have been ordered to take over those two mills, making them state-controlled enterprises as from August 1."

It was not stated just who had "ordered" the committee to take over the mills.

## UNITED STATES & SOVEREIGNTY OF THE AZORES

WASHINGTON, July 15 (Reuter).—"The United States is anxious that Portugal should retain her sovereignty over the Azores and the Cape Verde Islands," stated Mr. Sumner Welles, at a Press Conference in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Welles made this comment in reference to a statement by Dr. Blacini, the Portuguese Minister, that the United States had given Portugal assurances that it would not move into the Azores or Cape Verde Islands.

Mr. Welles also referred to a recent diplomatic exchange in which the United States told Portugal that the United States "harbour no aggressive intentions against the sovereignty or territorial integrity" of Portuguese possessions, but that the United States policy "today is based on the inalienable right of self-defence."

## NON-WAR SCRAP NETS \$3,000

Regular collection of scrap from schools in the F.M.S. where it has been saved up by students and stored for dumping at the main depot, will be started shortly, as soon as collecting vans are available.

The salvage collection and disposal authorities have written to a number of firms requesting the loan of lorries, and collection from schools for dumping in the main store at the Government Printing Office will begin as soon as sufficient lorries are available.

It is stressed that it will be defeating the purpose of scrap collection if the authorities have to go as far as hire lorries, and firms with spare vehicles are urged to lend them.

Sale of scrap which cannot be directly used in the war effort has realised a handsome sum of over \$3,000 net.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 16th JULY, 1941.

Air Mail Service by British Overseas Airways Corporation to East & South Africa, United Kingdom and beyond has now been resumed. Correspondence for despatch by Air via Rangoon must be superscribed by "C.N.A.C."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan  
Szechuen  
Kweichow  
Hunan  
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)  
Kwangsi  
North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

## INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 22nd July.	29th July
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th August.	12th Aug.

## OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
<b>MONDAY</b>	Mon. 21st July K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Tue. 29th July K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Tue. 12th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

## LUCKY ESCAPE

A 19-year-old student, Lau Kahan, had a lucky escape yesterday when the bicycle on which he was riding along Nathan Road was struck by a Kowloon Motor bus No. 884 which was coming from behind and travelling in the direction of Kowloon City.

Lau, however, managed to jump clear and apart from a very badly damaged rear wheel, escaped unscathed.

The incident occurred at the Shantung Street bus stop.

### RUN OVER BY BUS

Lai Sik-chuen, 24, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday in a serious condition as the result of having been run over by bus No. 689, of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, which was travelling from Tsimtatsui to Lai-chi-kok.

The accident occurred outside the Police Training School about 5.30 p.m.

Lai received injuries to his back.

### UPPER LIP CUT

Yu Shing, driver of Kowloon Motor Bus No. 878 has reported to the Police that while driving along Battery Street yesterday a five-year-old girl, Wong Sik-tan, ran across the street.

He stopped his bus in time but the girl, in falling down, sustained a cut upper lip.

SYDNEY, July 15 (Reuter).—

Black-out tests and other air precautions are being rapidly pushed forward both here and in Melbourne. A conference of Premiers of Australian States on civil defence will be held shortly.

## NEW S'PORE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER

Work on the Municipal Commission will not be a new thing to Singapore's newly appointed Commissioner, Mr. Cecil Francis Smith who took his seat for the first time recently.

Mr. Smith, now with nearly 23 years' knowledge of this country behind him, was a member of the Malacca Commission for two years before he came to Singapore.

Mr. Smith is a director of Messrs. Sime, Darby and Co., Ltd. He joined the firm in Malacca in 1920 and was transferred in 1938 to the Singapore office. He is also manager of the Yunnan Rubber Estates Ltd.

Reluctant to discuss himself, Mr. Smith is a man of few words but a believer in action and with his knowledge of Malaya, he should be a useful acquisition to Singapore's governing body.

In an interview with a Tribune representative Mr. Smith confessed his surprise at his appointment and added that he had known about it only for a few days and therefore had had little time to study matters facing the Commission at the moment.

Concerning his policy as a Commissioner he said: "I am a free lance as far as politics go; one of those people who try to take a sane view of things and act accordingly."

Mr. M. A. da Silva, of No. 9, Tung Chung Building, Kowloon, reports that sometime on Monday, some person or persons entered his house and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$150.

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